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Party standings echo 1983 election result

Key seats poll gives Tories victory by 140

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

Mrs Margaret Thatcher and the Conservative Party could be heading for a victory margin at this election as large as the one they enjoyed in 1983.

In an exclusive *Times*/MORI opinion poll, the first conducted entirely since the election was called, it is revealed that in the crucial Conservative/Labour marginal seats — those which Labour would have to capture if it were to have any chance of gaining the 117 seats it requires to form a government — the Labour Party has not made any progress since the last general election.

All the parties stand almost exactly where they did in 1983.

The MORI poll, conducted from May 11 to 13 in the 73 key marginals, reveals that in the Conservative/Labour marginals, the voting support was Conservatives 41 per cent, Labour 33 per cent, Alliance 24 per cent and others 2 per cent.

That represents virtually no change from the figures recorded in those same marginal seats at the last election when the Conservatives had a majority of 144. Labour has exactly the same share of the vote as it did then, the Conservatives have dropped 1 per cent and the Alliance has gained 1 per cent.

If the poll on June 11 were to see that pattern repeated on a uniform swing Mrs Thatcher could be returned to power with a virtually untrimmed majority of 140. The Conservatives would have 395 seats to 215 for Labour, 17 for the Alliance and 23 for other parties.

This compares with 1983 when the Conservatives had 397 seats, Labour 209, the Alliance 23 and others 21.

On those figures, the Conservatives would notionally lose Hyndburn, Leicester South and Nottingham North as well as Renfrew West, Clwyd South-West and Bradford North, three three-way marginals, to Labour. They would win the Isle of Wight, Colne Valley, Gordon, Montgomery, Ross and Cromarty, Stockton S and Yeovil from the Alliance, five from the Liberals and two from the SDP.

However, MORI's poll in Scotland published on Thursday in the *Scotsman* suggests that Ross and Cromarty would stay with the SDP while Strathkelvin and Bearsden would move from the Alliance to Labour. Both Banff and Buchan and Moray would be gained from the Tories by the Scottish National Party.

An important caution must be entered. Tactical voting is likely to develop as the campaign progresses and this could alter the figures and the fortunes of such seats considerably. Labour's vote is clearly ripe for a tactical squeeze in the Conservative/Alliance marginals, as, to a lesser degree the Alliance vote is in Conservative/Labour marginals.

At the start of the general election campaign the poll is an ominous sign for Labour, which has seen its share of the vote fall rather than rise during every one of the last seven election campaigns. Following the party's poor showing in the local government elections on May 7, already one poll by Gallup has put Labour in third place to the Alliance.

A further problem for Mr Kinnock and his campaign team is that of morale. Only a small proportion of Labour voters in the crucial marginals believes that Labour will succeed in taking the seat. In the Conservative/Labour marginals only 18 per cent of intending Labour voters believe that their party has a very good chance of winning.

In the Conservative/Labour contests 83 per cent of Conservatives believe that their party

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Inflation boost by Bank

The Government yesterday received an economic boost from the Bank of England, which said that inflation and the balance of payments were likely to be better than Budget forecasts.

The Bank's *Quarterly Bulletin* said inflation might remain below 4 per cent in the final quarter of the year while the current account deficit on the balance of payments was likely to be £1 billion less than the Budget forecast at about £1.5 billion.

The pound rose again on foreign exchange markets yesterday. It strengthened by 0.85 cents to $1.6780 and 0.66 pfennig to DM2.9978.

US trade was $13.6 billion in deficit during March. The US currency closed Y0.35 lower at Y139.35.

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Britain closer to missiles accord

By Nicholas Beeston

Britain is prepared to accept a "zero-zero" agreement between the United States and the Soviet Union on shorter-range missiles, provided the conditions adequately safeguard Western security, a Foreign Office spokesman announced yesterday.

The move was interpreted as an important political step by the Government in the run-up to the general election. Britain is now the first major Western European power to accept conditionally the zero-zero proposal for shorter-range missiles known as SRINF.

The proposal, which was first made by the Soviet leader, Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, to the US Secretary of State, Mr George Shultz, during his visit to Moscow earlier this year, coincides with Nato talks in Stavanger, Norway, on nuclear weapons reductions.

Mrs Thatcher has now taken the lead among European nations over the proposed cuts. Fears that the reductions would leave Europe undefended have already caused severe concern in West Germany and France, which have yet to clarify their positions.

A diplomatic source said that, as a precondition to accepting a zero-zero agreement, Britain would require adequate verification procedures and insist that the reduction was global and not just confined to Europe.

The Foreign Office said that Nato was studying what level best met its requirements, and the source added that a final position was expected to be resolved in the course of consultations with Nato allies "in the coming weeks".

● STAVANGER: A political pact between Britain, the United States and West Germany appears to have been made to consider the deployment of a new layer of nuclear weapons in Europe in the event of an arms deal with the Soviet Union this year (Our *Defence Correspondent* writes).

The tripartite move became evident yesterday during secret meetings between the defence ministers of the three countries "in the margins" of the Nato Nuclear Planning

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Mr Denis Healey last night made a scathing attack on General Bernard Rogers, Nato's European commander, for interfering in the election campaign through his remarks in a BBC interview on Wednesday night..... Page 20

Transplant success: Moran Kadosh, a four-year-old Israeli girl recovering from a life-saving liver transplant operation paid for by a £45,000 whip-round on the plane bringing her to Britain, leaving Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, yesterday.

Live donors give hearts

By Jill Sherman

The first British heart transplant operations using living donors have been carried out by Professor Magdi Yacoub, at Harefield Hospital in Middlesex.

Two women gave their own healthy hearts to a man and a women waiting for transplants before receiving heart/lung transplants themselves from two people believed to have been accident victims.

Earlier this week, surgeons at the Johns Hopkins Hospital, in Baltimore, America, claimed they were the first in the world to perform this kind of operation using a live donor.

But it was revealed yesterday that Professor Yacoub had carried out one series of operations at the end of April and the other at the beginning of this month.

One of the women who received the new heart at Harefield has subsequently died, but the other two women and the man, who have still not been named, are making a good recovery, a hospital spokesman said yesterday. All the patients are believed to have come from abroad.

The spokesman said that in the past few weeks the hospital had had patients with severe lung conditions but with healthy hearts. "Professor Yacoub and his team decided that rather than waste the healthy hearts, they would use them on other patients

The two operations mark a new phase in the heart/lung transplant programme. Surgeons say lung transplants alone are far more complicated than heart/lung transplants and the success rate is not as high. With the double transplant, vital connections between the lung and heart, which would have been severed, can be maintained.

The patient needing the heart/lung transplant is put on a heart/lung machine and both organs are removed. The lung is then discarded and the heart is either transplanted "warm" immediately into the person needing a heart transplant, or it is cooled and preserved for several hours. Meanwhile the new heart and lungs are given to the first patient.

The difference between a live heart donor and a conventional heart transplant using organs from someone who has died, is that the donor is on a heart/lung machine rather than a ventilator.

The Harefield spokesman said that heart/lung transplant operations have now been carried out on 87 patients at the hospital, of whom 50 are still living. Only three lung transplants have been performed, although all three patients are still alive.

Fiji in shock after coup by military

From Stephen Taylor, Suva, Fiji

Fiji, the bastion of democracy in the South Seas, ended its first day under military rule yesterday in a state of confusion and shock.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sitiveni Rabuka, third in command of the Royal Fiji Military Forces, has effectively seized power after he and fellow officers marched into Parliament and detained at gunpoint the recently elected Prime Minister, Dr Timoci Bavadra, and 27 of his government colleagues.

But by the end of the day there was an impasse between Colonel Rabuka and Ratu Sir Penaia Ganilau, who as Governor-General, is the Queen's representative in Fiji.

Colonel Rabuka announced the formation of a Council of Ministers, with himself at the head, and including Ratu Sir Kamisese Mara, the former Prime Minister ousted in last month's election.

But Ratu Ganilau issued a statement denouncing the coup move and declaring a state of emergency.

In a statement which he managed to release from his captivity, Dr Bavadra welcomed the support his Government had received from Australia and New Zealand, and said he expected the situation to be resolved.

Despite the military's takeover of the radio, no steps have been taken so far to interfere with newspapers, but Colonel Rabuka said yesterday that he had "neutralized" the elected Government and would replace it with "semi-military" rule.

By the end of the day there had been no sign of a violent backlash by an electorate deprived of its April victory.

● LONDON: Buckingham Palace confirmed yesterday that the Fijian Governor-General, Ratu Sir Penaia Ganilau, had contacted the Queen after the coup attempt (Nicholas Beeston writes). It is believed that the Queen, as the Fijian Head of State, approved Sir Ganilau's action to proclaim a state of emergency

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S Africans expel TV journalists

From Michael Hornsby
Johannesburg

Two British television correspondents, Mr Mike Buerk of the BBC and Mr Peter Sharp of ITN, were told yesterday by the South African Minister of Home Affairs, Mr Stoffel Botha, that their temporary work permits would not be renewed when they expire later this month.

Mr Buerk's work permit runs out on May 24 and Mr Sharp's on May 22. Both men were told that they must leave South Africa on or before those dates. Mr Botha gave no reasons for his decision.

The Government also cancelled the exemption from a visa requirement for entry to South Africa which Mr Buerk and Mr Sharp, like other British citizens, previously enjoyed. This means they will not be able to come here without special permission.

It is feared that the action against the BBC and ITN could be the first moves in a further tightening of controls on the already curtailed activities of journalists operating in South Africa.

Lawson sets target of income tax below 25p

By Richard Evans, Political Correspondent

Mr Nigel Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer, yesterday dangled the prospect of slashing income tax to less than 25p in the pound.

Lawson's tax bonus came as he said the Conservative "agenda for the future" would include more privatization, even wider share ownership and the elimination of inflation.

With the budget reduction in income tax from 29p to 27p in the pound due to go into people's pay packets next week, Mr Lawson told the Scottish Conservative Conference he planned to further reduce the burden of income tax with a basic rate of "no more" than 25p in the pound.

"Jobs only come from a vigorous economy, and that means reducing taxes, as and

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Dr Carmelo Mifsud Bonnici, the outgoing Maltese Prime Minister, was in intensive care after suffering a severe heart attack, five days after his Labour Party lost the general election by one seat ..Page 10

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Ivan Lendl, the top seed, was toppled by Joakim Nystrom of Sweden in the third round of the Italian tennis championships in Rome ..... Page 36

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Portfolio Gold

● The £4,000 prize in The Times Portfolio Gold competition was won yesterday by the Rev Jacqueline Fox, of west London. Details, page 3.
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Jobless total down 36,000

By Rodney Lord, Economics Editor

Unemployment fell by 36,242 last month to stand at 3,107,128. The fall means the total number of jobless in the last figures to be issued before the general election is now 225,000 lower than at its peak last September.

Seasonally-adjusted unemployment figures, thought to give a better guide to the labour market, fell for the tenth consecutive month, suggesting the situation has been improving since last summer. Last month, the numbers out of work fell by an estimated 19,600, seasonally adjusted to 3.02 million. This was a slightly smaller drop than the average for the past six months of 23,000.

Unemployment now stands at 10.9 per cent of the working population, compared with a revised peak of 11.6 per cent last summer. Data has been revised to take account of the usual annual updating of seasonal adjustment factors.

Before seasonal adjustment, the numbers out of work, including school leavers, fell last month by 36,000 to 3.11 million.

All parts of England and Wales enjoyed some drop in unemployment but there was an increase in Northern Ireland and Scotland. In mainland Britain the worst unemployment blackspot is still the North where 15.5 per cent of the workforce was unemployed, compared with 7.9 per cent in the South-east.

The figures provoked immediate controversy. Labour claimed they understated the true level of unemployment. "Despite 19 fiddles and 750,000 people on temporary schemes, they still have not managed to cut unemployment," Mr John Prescott, Labour's employment spokesman, said.

But the allegations were rejected by Lord Young of Graffham, the Secretary of State for Employment, who described the figures as "extremely good news."

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£450m Airbus loan secures 25,000 jobs

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

The Government finally agreed to loan British Aerospace £450m to build the wings for the new European Airbus jets yesterday — and in so doing secured the jobs, and possibly the votes, of more than 25,000 people in over 90 constituencies.

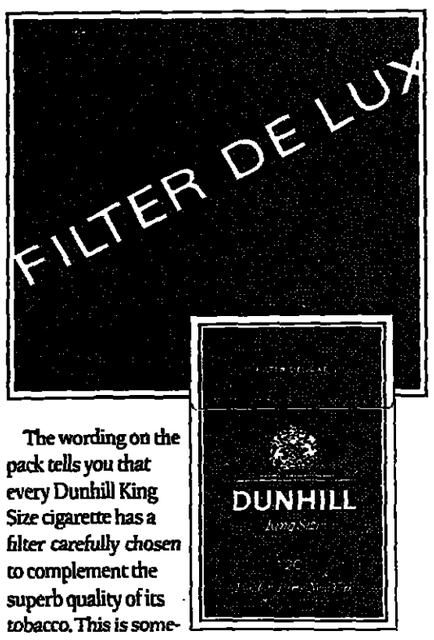
Mr Paul Channon, the Trade and Industry Secretary, refused to reveal the detailed terms of the way the money will be repaid because, he said, it was "commercial in confidence".

But Sir Austin Pearce, chairman of the company, said that it would enable work to go ahead until 1990

By making the announcement yesterday Britain became the first of the four partners in Airbus formally to declare their financial support for the project. Now the others — France, Germany and Spain — are almost bound to follow suit with a formal launch announcement being made at the Paris Air Show next month. But just in case this is not forthcoming the Government's commitment to provide the money was made conditional on the others following suit.

Already British Aerospace has spent about £12m in designing the wings, which will go on the four-engined A340 and the twin-engined A330.

The King Size from Dunhill



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Deathbed revelation uncovers lost Stradivarius

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

In the hands of the man who acquired it, Mr Julian Altman.

One of Stradivarius' most famous violins, unheard of since it was stolen during a concert at Carnegie Hall in New York in 1936, has been found as a result of a deathbed confession by a Connecticut musician.

Julian Altman told his wife Marcelle Hall to "do something about that violin" in 1985 as he lay dying of stomach cancer in Torrington hospital in the United States, where he had been transferred from jail. He was a womanizer and a gambler who made a living playing the violin at restaurants and society functions.

His wife went home and looked inside the case, where she found old newspaper cuttings describing the theft of a Stradivarius — and the violin itself. Altman had been playing it for 50 years, never paying it any special attention, according to his wife. Altman said that he had bought it the day after the theft for $100. Its current value is estimated at around $1m.

Known as "The Gibson", it was made in Cremona in 1713. The violinist Bronislaw Huberman bought it from Hill's in London in 1911 and kept it in a special double case with his Guanerius.

On February 28, 1936, he used his Guanerius for a recital at the Carnegie Hall, leaving the Stradivarius in his dressing room. It disappeared and was never seen again. Lloyd's of London paid out £8,000 in insurance money.

It was only formally identified as the missing Stradivarius last Friday when Mr Charles Beare, the London dealer and violin maker, flew to Connecticut on behalf of Lloyd's.

He has brought it back to London for restoration and it will be displayed at Stradivarius' 200th anniversary exhibition in Cremona in August. It has taken two years to establish ownership and negotiate an agreement with Mrs Hall whereby she receives a "reward".

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In the hands of the man who restored it, Mr Reiner Schumann.

NEWS SUMMARY

Postal union to ballot on strike

Postal deliveries still face the threat of disruption although 165,000 members of the Union of Communications Workers yesterday accepted a 5.1 per cent pay offer which will add £91 million a year to the Post Office's £1.75 billion pay bill.

Union leaders still intend at their annual conference next week to recommend a ballot for strike action because of the Post Office's refusal to concede a reduction in hours.

Management has argued that shorter hours would result in a lower pay offer or an increase in postal charges.

Under the pay deal, union members will get the percentage increase or £5.30 a week, whichever is the greater.

Power unions' threat

Leaders of the four electricity supply manual unions will meet next week to consider an overtime ban in power stations after Electricity Board officials rejected an increase to their 5 per cent pay offer.

The 80,000 power manual workers voted in a secret ballot by more than five-to-two to support industrial action. The unions, the General and Municipal Workers Union, the TGWU, the EETPU and the AEU, said that with profits of about £1,000 million a year, the board could afford at least the average 7.5 per cent increase being paid in the private sector.

The last time full-scale industrial action was taken in power stations was in 1970.

Next week's meeting of the unions will be considering ways of hitting the profits of the industry by such action as overtime bans.

Divorce QC dies

Mr Joseph Jackson, QC, one of the country's leading divorce lawyers, died yesterday at the age of 63.

Mr Jackson was called to the bar in 1947 and had been a Queen's Counsel since 1967. He was involved in almost every divorce of note, including those of John and Cynthia Lennon, Sir Freddie Laker and the late Peter Sellers, and he edited several law books on divorce.

He was married to Mrs Justice Booth, a judge in the Family Division of the High Court.

Alibi charges

Four men were yesterday charged at Horseferry Road Magistrates Court, central London, with providing a false alibi for a man jailed for his part in the robbery of gold worth £23 million from the Brink's Mat warehouse.

Michael Carr, aged 38, of Sidcup, Kent, and Peter Killick, aged 45, of Peckham, south London, were granted bail on sureties of £10,000 each. Shaun McDermot, aged 37, and Kevin McDermot, aged 31, both of Peckham, were remanded in custody for one week.

Irish passport charge

A Libyan, Abdel Belgacem, aged 42, was yesterday charged with conspiring with missing Irish passport officer Kevin McDonald to obtain Irish passports for his family.

Mr Belgacem of Broadesbury Park, Cricklewood, northwest London, was accused of conspiring to obtain four Irish passports by deception, dishonestly obtaining a British passport and entering the UK at Heathrow not being a British citizen on or before May 12.

Bow Street magistrate Mr William Robins granted him bail of two sureties of £25,000, with the conditions that his passport be forfeited, that he lives with one of the sureties, and that £50,000 and property deeds be deposited with his solicitor. He will next appear on June 11.

Bishop rethinks

The Bishop of London, Dr Graham Leonard, has backed away from holding immediate talks with the Orthodox and Roman Catholic churches over his opposition to the ordination of women.

Dr Leonard had considered holding talks on a possible relationship with non-Anglican episcopal churches, after the General Synod vote earlier this year in favour of ordaining women.

He said yesterday that this was no longer his immediate intention.

Farm's golden trove

A farm worker has unearthed three Bronze Age gold bracelets in the corner of a Cornish field.

The bracelets, thought to be about 3,000 years old, were found near the historic village of Chysauster, near Penzance They weigh between 28 and 30 grams each and measure about three inches in diameter.

They are to be the subject of an inquest at Penzance next month when a jury will decide whether the farm worker can keep them or whether, as treasure trove, they will go to the Duchy of Cornwall. In the event of the latter, the farm worker would receive compensation.

IRA claims some escaped SAS ambush

By Richard Ford

The Provisional IRA claimed yesterday that several of its men escaped the SAS ambush at Loughgall in which eight terrorists and a civilian were shot dead.

Although the RUC has constantly denied that any of the terrorist gang got away, the Provisional IRA says in this week's *Republican News* that "volunteers" who escaped have been taken to a secure location.

On the night of the ambush two RUC officers manning a checkpoint near the Co Armagh village said they were searching for men who had managed to get away from the ambush by running across fields.

Other people in Northern Ireland have suspected that there must have been a lookout and getaway vehicles involved in a terrorist operation taking place in a staunchly loyalist area and led by three of the Provisional IRA's leading terrorists.

Meanwhile security sources in the north believe Colonel Gadaffi is supplying the Provisional IRA with funds running into millions of pounds and providing the explosives used in a recent letter-bomb campaign in England and found in handmade grenades and rocket launches used in recent attacks in the north.

The plastic explosive, known as Semtex, is manufactured in Czechoslovakia and finds its way to Ireland via North Africa and Europe. A quantity of the explosive along with other bomb-making equipment was found several years ago in a house in north Dublin and earlier this year a 200lb cache was discovered in Cheshire.

Last night British and Irish security authorities were investigating the reports that fresh support was being given by Libya in retaliation for Britain's part in the United States air raid on Tripoli.

Mr Brian Lenihan, the Irish Republic's Minister for Foreign Affairs told the Dail that any support for the Provisional IRA either moral or material was "totally abhorrent".

Security sources in the north say there is no evidence linking Semtex with the bomb which killed Lord Justice Sir Maurice Gibson last month.

Until now the IRA has had to rely for most of its explosions on relatively weak and unstable home-made compounds, saving its stores of commercial explosives for the bombing of prestige targets.

As Mr Lenihan was speaking in the Dail five members of the "loyalist" para-military Ulster Defence Association lobbied deputies and the public at the gates of Leinster House.

Engine failures ground Chinook

By Harvey Elliott
Air Correspondent

The last three commercial Chinook helicopters operating in Europe have been grounded after two incidents of engine failure within nine days.

The helicopters, operated by the Norwegian company Helikopter Service, are identical to the one owned by British International Helicopters which crashed off the Shetlands killing 45 men.

Experts from the company have flown to Aberdeen and have tried to recreate the incidents in a simulator while both engines have been flown to America for tests.

The two new incidents are almost certain to spell the end of civilian operations by the Chinook even though Boeing and BIH believe that modifications made to the gear box have now prevented any likelihood of a repeat of the circumstances which led to the disaster.

But the two new incidents are unconnected with the cause of the crash off the Shetlands and have highlighted another area of concern.

The first incident, on April 23, happened as a Chinook carrying a full load of 44 oil men was on its way to the Ekofisk field in the Norwegian section of the North Sea. One of the two Avco Lycoming engines seized up but the pilot was able to land safely.

On May 1, another Chinook had an identical problem while flying at 3,000 feet as it too headed towards the Ekofisk field.

The helicopter fell more than 1,500 feet towards the sea and the crew were making plans for an emergency ditching when the pilot was finally able to regain control.

The Civil Aviation Authority in London is in close touch with the Norwegian aviation authorities.

Meanwhile the three remaining Chinooks owned by BIH are flying on training missions only.

Young to spearhead super ministry to promote jobs

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

Mrs Margaret Thatcher plans to set up a Department of Enterprise headed by Lord Young of Graffham if the Conservatives win a third term on June 11.

The department will oversee all the Government's training and employment initiatives, absorbing the Department of Employment and some parts of the Department of Education and Science.

It will mean a bigger role for Lord Young, Secretary of State for Employment, who is one of the Prime Minister's closest advisers. He is known to want more influence in preparing youngsters to face the changing employment scene as the next step in his campaign for developing a better trained workforce.

Mrs Thatcher is also expected to alter the responsibilities of other government departments to prevent overlapping and to take account of the effect of privatization and changing priorities on Whitehall.

She intends to solve differences between the Department of the Environment and the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food by giving control for "green" conservation policies to the agriculture department. The aim is to have a unified strategy for farmland.

The Department of Health and Social Security is expected to be split in two again.

Another plan is believed to involve the eventual disappearance of the Department of Energy in the aftermath of the expected privatization of the electricity supply industry.

● The latest jobless total "hides" about half a million people and the true figure should be about 3.5 million, according to a report into the way the Government defines and presents the unemployment figures.

Declining Unemployment: A Statistical Illusion? is a report published by Mr John Shields, a former economic adviser to the Treasury. Mr Shields is director of Charter for Jobs, an all-party organization campaigning for decisive action to reduce unemployment.

Westland last night announced that 837 employees at its Weston-Super-Mare plant were to be made redundant because of a lack of orders for helicopters.

The job losses among managerial, clerical, administrative and engineering staff come after Wednesday's announcement that 1,155 jobs were to go at its Yeovil factory.

The cuts come in spite of the Government placing an order last month for 48 helicopters estimated to cost £300 million.

It was created in April 1985 in association with the Employment Institute and has Mr Edward Heath, Sir James Callaghan and Lord Wilson of Rievaulx as its patrons.

The report was published to coincide with the announcement of the latest unemployment total and says that there is no sign that jobs are being created at a faster rate than in previous years.

Had it not been for the effects of the Government's job programmes and definitional and other changes made to the unemployment count, official figures would be half a million higher.

Mr Shields says that unemployment rose by half a million between March 1983 and March this year because only one-third of a million additional people gained full-time jobs in the period.

Such a performance was not good enough to cope with the growth in population, although the rise of about half a million in the number of people of working age was no greater than in comparable periods in the 1970s.

Claims that more than one million jobs had been created are shown to rely on the inclusion in the figures of 300,000 part-time jobs taken by "double-jobbers", 200,000 extra places on government schemes and 300,000 other part-time jobs.

Mr Shields says that over the past year, government schemes and, more importantly, administrative and statistical changes had a big effect on the count.

The Charter organization is mainly funded by the Rowntree Trust and is controlled by a council with about 80 members, including Sir Ian Gilmour, Mr Francis Pym, Mr Richard Wainwright, Mrs Shirley Williams, Mr Roy Jenkins, Mr Denis Healey, Mr Michael Meacher, Mr David Basnett, the former leader of the General, Municipal, Boilermakers and Allied Trades Union, Mr David Lea, assistant general secretary of the TUC, the Right Rev David Sheppard, Bishop of Liverpool, and Mgr Derek Warlock. The arts are represented by John Cleese, the actor, and Margaret Drabble.

Mr David Church, principal architect in the restoration, with a statue of Clive of India (Photograph: Peter Trievnor).

Durbar House reveals rich and colourful past

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

The Durbar Court, centrepiece of the India Office in Whitehall from the 1860s until it fell into disuse and dilapidation in the 1960s, has been restored by the Government's Property Services Agency at a cost of £5.75 million.

The court, surrounded by offices and protected from the weather by a glass roof, features 28 busts and eight statues on its carved facades, representing characters from India's richly coloured past including Clive of India, General Cornwallis and Admiral Watson.

Its restoration is the first stage in the agency's five-phase restoration and conversion of the Victorian buildings occupied by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

In the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries the Durbar Court was used for state functions and receptions, including one for the coronation of Edward VII in 1902, but it was neglected when plans were made in the 1960s to replace the buildings with modern office blocks.

The restoration and conversion scheme started in 1984 after the redevelopment plans were abandoned. Wooden outbuildings were removed and the foundations of the marble floor, which had sunk by up to four inches, were replaced.

The top storeys surrounding the court have veen fitted out as extra offices.

CPSA vote on Labour support

By Tim Jones

Leaders of Britain's biggest Civil Service union, which could be about to come under the control of the hard left, were instructed yesterday to ballot members on affiliating to the Labour Party.

Delegates to the Civil and Public Services Association annual conference in Blackpool decided by 75,461 to 63,043 on a card vote to support a motion for affiliation together with a vigorous campaign for a "yes" vote, against the advice of the moderate leadership.

However, it is doubtful whether a national ballot will commit the union to an overtly political stance for the first time in 60 years, in spite of the enthusiasm of the delegates, most of whom are Labour supporters.

The union should learn next week whether Mr John Macreadie, the Militant supporter, has been successful in his bid to become deputy general secretary.

The announcement of the result has been delayed after complaints from more than 100 branches, that their ballot papers were not counted.

University College, Cardiff

£10m lifeline to clear debts

By Sarah Thompson, Education Reporter

The Government is saving University College, Cardiff from bankruptcy with £10 million in interest-free loans and grants, the University Grants Committee announced yesterday.

The cash is available only if the college dismisses or obtains the resignation of its principal, Dr Bill Bevan, and "takes all reasonable steps" to sue and surcharge members of staff responsible for the financial mess which has left the college £4.5 million in debt.

College authorities refused to comment on the conditions or to indicate whether Dr Bevan would resign. The conditions are to be discussed by Professor Lee Sheridan, the acting principal, with the committee.

Last week Mr Kenneth Baker, the Secretary of State for Education and Science, made clear that he could not offer Government funds to help unless there was a "change of management" at the college.

The money has been forced from the Government in the light of an important merger between the college and the University of Wales Institute of Science and Technology

The college is ordered to overhaul thoroughly its financial management structure under close scrutiny by the Department of Education and Science and by the grants committee, whose chairman, Sir Peter Swinnerton-Dyer, said that the college's financial problems "were the result of serious financial mismanagement".

Yesterday, after the announcement of the resignation of the chairman of the college council, Sir William Crawshaw, another prominent member of the council resigned – Mr Tom Roberts, an honorary fellow and life governor of the college and a former director of the Development Corporation for Wales.

Mr Roberts was not available for comment and Sir William would not discuss the reasons for his resignation.

Sir Peter told the college that the £10 million, which will be made available before April 1988, was "in broadly equal parts". The first is an interest-free loan.

The second part is a grant to cover the cost of premature retirements.

Prison officers settle

Prison officers in England and Wales have voted overwhelmingly in favour of a revolutionary change in their working practices (Our Home Affairs Correspondent writes).

In a ballot prison officers agreed by 13,610 to 3,042 to accept a £24 million pay and conditions package.

The offer is designed to do away with overtime by 1992. Prison officers work at present an average 15 hours a week overtime.

New recruits will be able, with allowances, to earn £13,032 a year and the highest of the three uniformed ranks would reach £18,765. To obtain that, they would have to agree to work an extra nine hours a week.

The £24 million is on top of the £280 million original offer last summer. Those proposals were rejected by the association on the grounds that they were unworkable and dangerous.

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Water pollution

State of rivers deteriorates

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

Pollution of Britain's rivers is again on the increase after 25 years of continuous improvement, a Commons select committee reported yesterday.

The all-party environment committee blames water authorities which are releasing sub-standard sewage effluent into rivers, and an increase in the number of one-off pollution incidents, particularly by farmers using intensive agricultural techniques that produce huge quantities of silage and slurry.

Reported incidents rose from 13,000 to 20,000 in the five years to 1985.

The committee says that the quality of rivers and estuaries is generally high, but it notes that only 12 per cent of the 18,750 miles of rivers in England and Wales had improved between 1980 and 1985 while 14 per cent had deteriorated. This new trend was "bad news" and it was likely to get worse.

The committee, chaired by Sir Hugh Rossi, Conservative MP for Hornsey and Wood Green, expresses "considerable concern" at the failure of water authorities to comply with the standards laid down. Last year 22 per cent of all sewage works were breaching those standards 95 per cent of the time.

The report points to a steady drop in investment from the mid-1970s to the early 1980s with the result that sewage works were now overloaded and prone to failure.

New developments had also put extra strain on them. Investment of £2,200 million was planned for the next four years but the committee had "the overriding impression that it will be an uphill struggle for the water authorities to improve water quality".

But it also notes the tiny ratio of prosecutions to pollution incidents and recommends not only that the water authorities should prosecute more frequently but that the Department of Environment should itself prosecute the water authorities.

Third Report of the Environment Committee, Pollution of Rivers and Estuaries.

Anglers win case, page 5

Firms try to save scenic railway

A scheme to save the beautiful Settle-Carlisle railway line, involving sponsorship by a group of civil engineering contractors, is under consideration by the Department of Transport (Our Transport Correspondent writes).

British Rail has been pressing the Government to allow it to close the line, but has been opposed by councils and pressure groups.

It is estimated that repairs to viaducts and bridges, costing up to £4.3 million, are urgently required in addition to nearly £1 million a year which British Rail estimates will have to be spent.

A small number of civil engineering contractors are understood to have approached Mr David Mitchell, Minister of State at the Department of Transport, with proposals for a sponsorship scheme designed to reduce the financial burden.

Apart from the capital costs, British Rail has estimated that the line would lose about £1 million a year, though these figures are hotly disputed.

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Jury told to ignore social services' role in Kimberley case

Jurors hearing the case of Kimberley, the girl aged four who it is alleged was battered to death at her home in south London, have been warned against being "sidetracked" by the role played by the social services.

Mr Justice Steyn told the jury at the Central Criminal Court that it was inconceivable that there would not be an inquiry into the way that Greenwich social services discharged its duties. But he said it was the public duty of the jury to concentrate on the charges against the defendants.

Mrs Pauline Carlile, Kimberley's mother, is accused of cruelty, causing grievous bodily harm, and assaulting and wounding the child. She was cleared of murder and manslaughter on the direction of the judge.

Mr Nigel Hall, the man with whom she lived, is charged with murdering Kimberley, causing her grievous bodily harm, and wounding and assaulting her.

The prosecution has alleged that Mr Hall, aged 24, battered, burnt and tortured the girl at their home on the Ferrier estate, Kidbrooke.

All the charges are denied.

Mr Justice Steyn, at the start of his summing up, told the jury that they would have to look again at distressing photographs of Kimberley. "You see an emaciated body with many scars and many injuries. An awful picture."

He said: "You may think that Greenwich social services, although they were extremely worried about Kim, abandoned her in the last couple of months of her life.

"On the evidence in this case that may be an entirely understandable point of view, but neither you nor I are called upon to examine and pass judgement on the conduct of the social services.

"It is your public duty to concentrate on the charges against the defendants. Put to one side any views you may have formed on the way Greenwich social services discharged their duty.

"If that causes you anxiety, let me give you this comfort. Our society expects the highest standards from the social services system, notably in relation to very young and very vulnerable children. It is inconceivable that there will not be an independent and wholly impartial inquiry."

Earlier the court was told that Mrs Carlile, aged 27, would live for the rest of her life with the memory that she had failed her daughter when the child needed her most.

Mr Andrew Patience, for Mrs Carlile, said that although the case against his client of wilfully neglecting Kimberley had been "clearly and unequivocally" proved, Mrs Carlile had never encouraged or wanted the starvings or beatings the girl suffered before she died in June last year.

"She has spoken of occasions when the violence grew worse and she shouted at Hall to stop, she pulled at his arms and tried to get into the bathroom when he wouldn't let her in. They were hopeless, feeble efforts — but efforts."

Mr Patience said the reasons that Mrs Carlile failed Kimberley and did nothing lay in her past history. She had been battered by men in the past and when she came to London she was not a confident, self-assured personality but was someone fearful and petrified of men. This did not provide an excuse but perhaps an explanation.

Mrs Helen Grindrod, QC, for Mr Hall, said that he had been painted by the prosecution and Mrs Carlile in colours "so garish and horrible he appears a very monster".

But Mr Hall had helped Mrs Carlile and had taken responsibility for her children.

Kim was displaying behavioural problems of an extreme sort. "But don't say to yourselves, 'Well, Hall's the man'."

The jury will retire today to consider its verdict.

Sir Thomas Hetherington, who celebrates 10 years as Director of Public Prosecutions tomorrow, with the mounting piles of paper he has to deal with.

"It's a very different job from when I started", he says. "The DPP was much more involved in decisions on prosecuting cases of importance and difficulty. With the advent of the crown prosecution service, the DPP's job is more administrative and managerial."

Among the famous cases before the courts in Sir Thomas's time as DPP were the trial of the Liberal MP and leader, Mr Jeremy Thorpe, acquitted of charges of conspiracy and incitement to murder Norman Scott in 1978, and the Yorkshire Ripper trial in 1981.

Sir Thomas sees the birth of the crown prosecution service in April last year as the pinnacle of his career. "It's been an enormous challenge, and fun, to have seen what started as theory in the late 70s through legislation to now, when it has become a reality; and I feel privileged to have been part of that change, the biggest to the criminal justice system for a century."

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Portfolio Gold

Deacon is first once again

One of the first women to be ordained deacon by the Church of England at St Paul's Cathedral is the sole winner of the Portfolio Gold competition prize of £4,000.

The Rev Jacqueline Fox, aged 44, of Roman Close, Avenue Gardens, Acton, west London, said she would spend the money on decorating and furnishing her home.

Miss Fox, a senior education officer attached to St Mary's parish in Acton, was one of 70 ordained deacon at St Paul's in March after seven years as chaplain to the Royal College of Music.

She said: "I am still bemused by my win and it has not quite sunk in. I have been checking my numbers every so often but could not believe it when I realized I had won."

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World numbers rise by 150 a minute

World population is due to pass the five billion mark some time within the next few weeks, a United Nations seminar in London was told yesterday.

Every minute the world population grows by 150; every day by 220,000 and every year by more than 80 million.

At this rate it would reach six billion by the year 2,000, seven billion by 2010 and eight billion by 2022. Then, according to the latest estimates, it would finally become stable at about 10 billion in about a century or so from now.

Mr Lester Brown, president of the Worldwatch Institute, who was addressing the opening session of a three-day conference called The State of World Population 1987, said that the main challenge facing the governments of most countries in the Third World was how to persuade their populations to reduce birth-rates at a time when economic and social conditions are declining.

If they failed, economic deterioration could eventually lead to social disintegration of the kind which undermined earlier civilizations when population demands became unsustainable, Mr Brown said.

Between 1950 and the mid-1970s, countries such as Mexico and Egypt had benefited from the green revolution and the rapid rise in international oil prices, but had been unable to keep pace with their population growths, Mr Brown said.

A report to be published by the United Nations Fund for Population Activities next Tuesday will reject the theory that greater numbers of people will themselves resolve any problems created by higher population densities because the extra number of people will increase the stock of human ingenuity.

This did not happen with the Mayan civilization in Central America or in China, where the population pressure on land blocked the arrival of an industrial revolution.

Fleet stalls

The fleet of tall ships which left Portsmouth on Wednesday for a 12,000-mile journey to celebrate Australia's bicentennial was sheltering at Bembridge Point, three miles from its starting point, last night, waiting for calmer winds.

China lottery

Peking (Reuter) — China has given permission for its first nationwide lottery since an ideological row led to a ban on most public draws in 1985, the *China Daily* said.

NHS waiting lists

Patient numbers are rising

By Jill Sherman and Sheila Gunn

The Goverment yesterday defended its record on NHS waiting lists, after accusations by the Labour Party that some people were waiting more than four years for hospital treatment.

Mr Tony Newton, Minister for Health, said that hospitals were now treating more patients and undertaking new types of operations. The growing number of elderly people also meant that more hip replacements and cataract operations were taking place.

He produced figures to show that between 1978 and 1984 the number of coronary artery by-pass grafts had increased from 3,191 to 10,500 and the number of hip replacements from 28,090 to 38,000. Between 1978 and 1985 total in-patient cases had increased by 18 per cent.

He said that the Government had already launched a big initiative to tackle waiting lists in different specialties and different part of the country. Mr Newton said: "We have put in an extra £50 million over two years to tackle the problem. In the coming year this will help 350 projects aimed at taking 100,000 people off waiting lists."

A report from the College of Health, published yesterday, showing that 724,000 people were waiting for operations in England and Wales, was immediately seized upon by the Opposition health spokesman, Mr Michael Meacher, who said the figures provided a damning indictment of eight years of Conservative rule.

He said: "It is a litmus test of the Government's failure that waiting times are now excessive, with many people having to wait more than four years for treatment".

One person in his own constituency had had to wait more than nine years for a hip operation, he said.

In its *Guide to Hospital Waiting Lists* the College of Health shows that in Trent 921 patients had waited four years or more for general surgey while 864 had waited that long for orthopaedics, 728 for gynaecology and 4,671 for plastic surgery.

Of a total of 47,561 urgent cases waiting for admission in England, 29,145 had been waiting for more than a month. More than a quarter of the 688,190 people on waiting lists in England had been waiting more than a year.

Mr Meacher promised that a Labour government would bring resources to bear on waiting lists as the biggest single defect in the NHS.

The College of Health Guide argues that the £25 million allocated this year will fall far short of the cost of 100,000 operations.

The Department of Health said yesterday that the new money had been allocated to improve facilities to allow extra operations to take place, rather than pay for the actual operations.

● Mrs Thatcher defended the Government's record on hospital waiting lists during Question Time in the Commons, stating that under Labour waiting lists increased by nearly 25,000 between 1974 and 1979. By contrast, she said, they fell by 70,000 since 1979.

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Motorway debris led to death

A leading pianist died in an accident on the M4 after she had stopped on the hard shoulder to inspect damage caused by a plank which hit her car.

An inquest was told yesterday that Mrs Sadie Velleman was advised by another driver to leave the motorway at the next exit and find a garage. Moments later, she pulled out into the path of a lorry which was unable to stop.

The inquest at Newbury, Berkshire, was told that Mrs Velleman, aged 75, of Howberry Road, Edgware, north London, was one of a number of motorists who stopped after hitting debris.

Private Raymond Bird, based at Corsham, Wiltshire, told the inquest: "She indicated to pull off the hard shoulder but there's no way she could have looked in her mirror, otherwise she wouldn't have pulled out".

Mrs Velleman, a widow, died of severe head injuries.

Mr Charles Hoile, the West Berkshire coroner, recorded a verdict of accidental death.

Mrs Velleman, at the age of 12, was among the first musicians to perform on radio.

Solicitors act over negligence claims

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Solicitors in England and Wales took the first steps towards protecting themselves against massive negligence claims yesterday when their governing body agreed that they can now limit their liability to individual clients by contract.

The Law Society council agreed that there was no objection to solicitors seeking to limit their liability to clients provided the limit was not below the minimum level of compulsory insurance cover — now £500,000 — the profession requires.

The limitation must be with the client's understanding and acceptance, preferably in writing; and must not breach any provisions of the Unfair Contracts Terms Act 1977.

It must also be in accordance with Law Society guidelines, now to be drawn up and sent out to the profession.

Yesterday, Mr John Wickerson, Law Society president, told the council that Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, had agreed to reconsider an inquiry into a statutory cap on the damages courts can award for negligence.

● A solicitor was negligent because he failed to check that a first-time buyer had arranged life cover with his endowment mortgage, the High Court ruled yesterday.

The buyer, Mr Robert McLellan, aged 25, died in a car crash eight weeks after completing the purchase of the lease of land at Hawthorn Park, Brynna, Mid Glamorgan, on which the house was to be built.

Mr Justice Lincoln ruled that although Mr McLellan was 75 per cent to blame for the omission, because he mistakenly told his solicitor he had paid the first premium on the policy, the solicitor, Mr David Fletcher, was in breach of his duty to his client.

Mr Fletcher had a duty to his client to satisfy himself that the life policy was or was not in force, the judge said.

He awarded Mr McLellan's father, Mr John McLellan, of Clos Fach, Rhiwbina, Cardiff, £2,453 damages plus interest.

The damages were awarded against Mr Fletcher, of Cardiff-based D E Fletcher & Co.

Choir schools' plea denied

By Sarah Thompson, Education Reporter

Choir schools are failing to recruit talented youngsters from poorer homes because of an acute shortage of scholarships.

Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, has refused a request from the Choir Schools Association for government aid on the same lines as the Assisted Places Scheme, which provides private education for 25,000 pupils after a means test.

Mr Giles Radice, Labour's education spokesman, yesterday rejected an appeal from the schools for exemption from Labour's plan to abolish charitable status for all private schools.

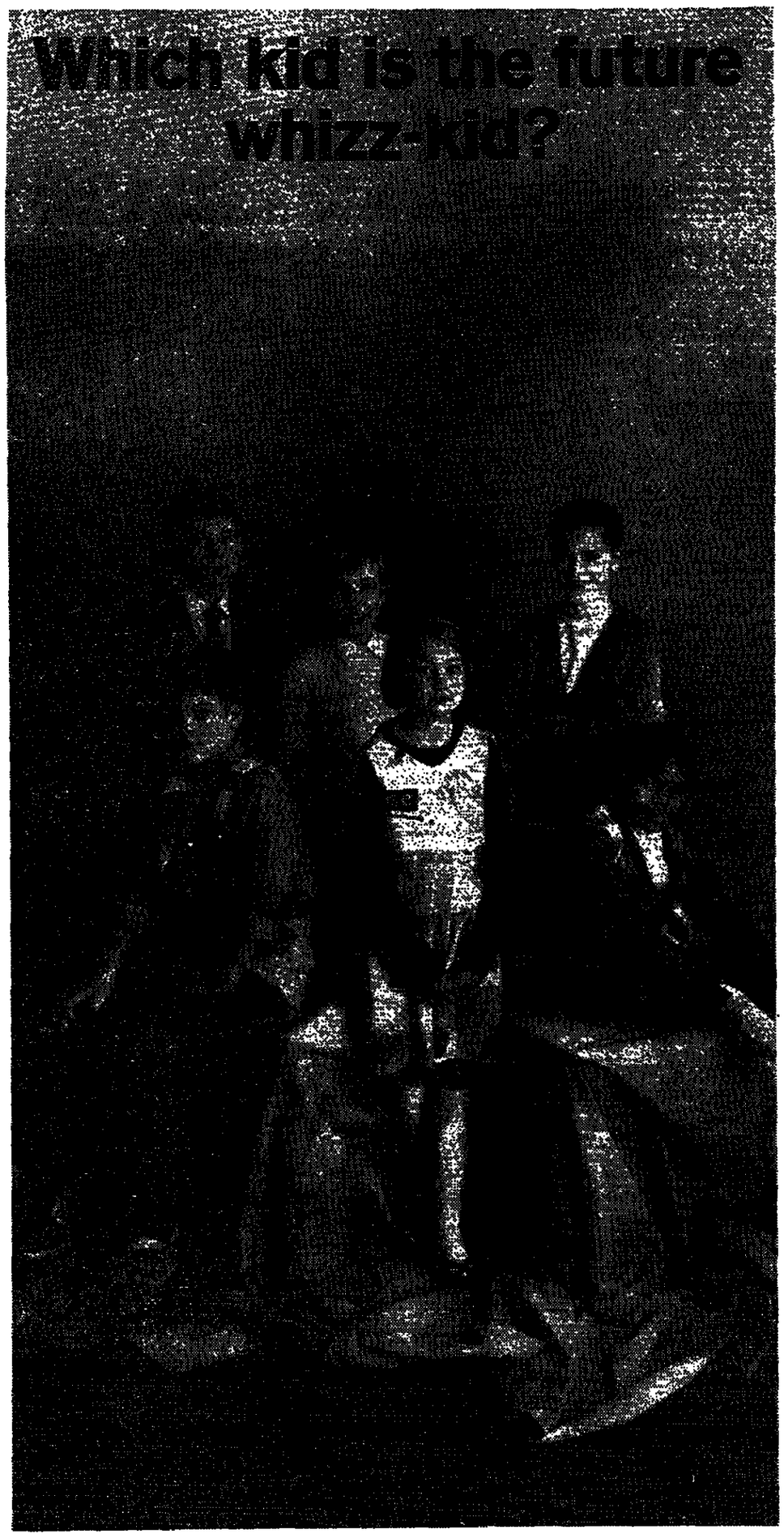
The schools spend £2 million a year on subsidies to choristers. An additional trust set up by the Choir Schools Association has less than £10,000 at its disposal.

Boys at the country's 38 choir schools are too young to qualify for the Assisted Places Scheme, which is limited to secondary pupils, and Mr Baker has told the association that he cannot afford to provide government funds.

Mr Gerald Peacocke, chairman of the association, told its annual meeting in Oxford yesterday that for the past six years more than 80 per cent of choristers have come from the top two socio-economic groups.

"Last year 13 boys were unable to take up choir places because of parental financial limitations", he said.

● The Labour Party has softened its line on the abolition of the Assisted Places Scheme. Earlier this year Mr Radice said that he would end the scheme and remove all children benefiting from it within a year. But yesterday he told the Choir Schools Association that Labour would phase out the scheme gradually.



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Airbus aid 'too little too late'

The Government's launch aid for British Aerospace to participate in new airbus projects was described by the Opposition as too little, too late.

In his statement, *Mr Paul Channon*, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, said: After discussion with British Aerospace, I am glad to tell the House that agreement has been reached that up to £450 million in launch aid will be provided to enable the company to participate in the Airbus A330 and 340 projects.

This launch aid will be fully repayable on terms designed to yield an acceptable return in real terms on the Government's investment.

At this stage our support is conditional upon our partner governments also making the arrangements that are necessary to enable their manufacturers to participate in the projects.

At a time when the competitive pressures in the world aerospace industry are as strong as ever, I would like to praise the determination of Airbus Industrie and its partners to extend their family of large airliners.

***Mr Terence Davis*, for the Opposition, said that the Labour Party's attitude was one of wholehearted support for British Aerospace and the Airbus programme and its attitude to the statement was that it was better late than never.**

This package amounted to £450 million, whereas British Aerospace had told the Government it needed £750 million. The Government was therefore helping British Aerospace to the extent of less than two-thirds of what it needed.

Would he confirm that both the French and German governments were going to provide more than two-thirds of the development costs to their own aerospace industries in connection with the Airbus programme?

Would he admit that when this money ran out it was almost inevitable that thousands of workers at British Aerospace would follow their colleagues at Westland into unemployment?

***Mr Channon* said that he was extremely surprised at the Opposition's grudging support. The British Government was the first to announce its desire to give launch aid, so the idea that this statement was late was ridiculous.**

The French and German governments had not offered any money so far and it would be most unwise to speculate about what they might offer.

"I am sure this project will be a great success. British Aerospace and the Government have been in constructive talks for some time and we are both satisfied that what I have announced today will enable their central objectives to be achieved.

"I believe the announcement will help to maintain and create 10,000 jobs and I would have thought the whole House would welcome that."

***Mr Alan Haselhurst* (Saffron Walden, C) said that the announcement would be warmly welcomed by British civil aviation. Would he confirm that this was the Government's commitment to a group of aircraft now proving themselves to be world beaters?**

***Mr Channon* agreed. He said that exports from the aerospace industry last year reached very nearly £5 billion, and that was 12 per cent up on 1985. The industry also had orders of £8 billion, 60 per cent of them from overseas.**

"I think the industry is one of Britain's greatest national assets and the Government is determined to support it."

***Mr Stephen Ross* (Isle of Wight, L) congratulated Mr Channon on his announcement, although he thought it might have some connection with the imminent election. Was the money adequate for British Aerospace to participate fully in its 20 per cent stake in the project?**

***Mr Channon* said that the Government had to make an announcement before June 11 because that was the date of the opening of the Paris Air Show. British Aerospace was convinced that it would be able to participate fully in this project and he was certain that it would not have agreed to take part if it had not been convinced of that.**

***Mr George Park* (Coventry North East, Lab) said that the announcement was welcome but might have the effect of creating difficulties for other projects which British Aerospace was funding without aid.**

***Mr Channon* said that if British Aerospace had not wanted to participate in the project, it would not have agreed with the Government on the announcement.**

***Mr Jack Straw* (Blackburn, Lab) said that both the amount of the aid and the timing of the announcement had been dictated by the anxieties of Conservatives in marginal seats.**

***Mr Channon* replied that the amount had been agreed with British Aerospace. He had made an early announcement because he thought that was in the interests of the company, of those who worked for the company and also because firm decisions would be taken by other governments in the next few weeks.**

***Mr Dennis Skinner* (Bolsover, Lab) asked what had happened to monetarism. For the six months before the announcement of the general election ministers had been scrambling to give grants and subsidies.**

***Mr Channon* said that he did not think that Mr Skinner wanted a lecture from him on monetarism. There was a genuine desire in all quarters of the House to support this imaginative scheme.**

Parliament today

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Thatcher defends Conservatives' record on NHS

PRIME MINISTER

The Prime Minister, at her last question time before the general election, defended the Government's record on the National Health Service while Mr Neil Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition, accused the Conservatives of a lack of morality in not providing sufficient money for the service.

Mr Kinnock asserted that 750,000 people were on hospital waiting lists and some had waited for more than four years for operations. "Is not her claim that the National Health Service is safe in her hands a sick joke against sick people?"

Mrs Thatcher: No. Mr Kinnock complains of waiting lists being too long. Labour governments have presided over increases in waiting lists – (Labour protests) – and Conservative governments have cut them.

In 1964 and 1970, under Labour, waiting lists increased by 85,000. Between 1974 and 1979, also under Labour, they had increased by nearly 25,000. By contrast, under Conservative governments, between 1970 and 1974 waiting lists fell by 31,000 and since 1979 they had fallen by 70,000 (Conservative cheers).

Mr Kinnock: Both in terms of the numbers on waiting lists and in terms of the waiting time on waiting lists she is misleading the House (Conservative protests).

In both cases, after eight years of this Government, the figures were 15 per cent higher than they ever were under Labour.

Mrs Thatcher said that the Government's record was based on the facts and not on rhetoric. Labour governments had presided over waiting list increases and Conservative governments had cut them.

Under this Government the number of patients being treated had been increased. There were almost one million more patients in hospital a year. Patient services had increased.

Perinatal mortality had been reduced by more than one third. Hip replacements had risen by a quarter and cataract operations by half. "That is our record."

Mr Kinnock said that the Royal Colleges of Surgeons and Physicians, the Commons Select Committee, all patients who used the service and those working in it had said that Mrs Thatcher had never made the proper commitment to the NHS as was required by modern needs.

"It is obvious that there is not so much a shortage of money as an absence of morality on behalf of the Government."

Mrs Thatcher: He talks about a shortage of money. When I entered No 10, £7.75 billion a year had been allocated to the health service. Today it is £21 billion a year, giving a better health service and standard of life."

Sir Ian Percival (Southport, C) was loudly interrupted by Opposition protests and finally cheered by Conservative MPs when he said: However hard the Leader of the Opposition may try, and whatever they are praying for in Moscow, during the next few weeks millions of people in the United Kingdom will be praying that she will be given health and strength to continue to give the magnificent lead she given us all for eight solid years.

Whatever the Opposition may say, with her input of ideals, ideas and effort, and those of her governments have enabled the people of this country to regain their self-respect, a place in the world and a real prospect of a better future, provided they return her to Number 10 Downing Street four weeks from today. God bless her!

Mrs Thatcher: I have never felt fitter.

Mr Timothy Yeo (South Suffolk, C) opened Prime Minister's question time, to cheers from Conservatives, when he said that the fall in unemployment was further evidence that the Government's policy of sharing the fruits of economic growth between cuts in income tax, cuts in public borrowing and interest rates and selective increases in public spending was right "for the next five years".

Mrs Thatcher said that today's figures showing a fall in unemployment were encouraging. "They show that unemployment is on a downward trend and that the number of jobs is rising, too."

Sound financial policies, private enterprise and incentive taxation were "a winning combination".

Mr Matthew Taylor (Truro, L): Since 1979, full-time employment opportunities for young people have fallen.

He said that, as a matter of urgency, she should act on the restrictions on accommodation and homes so that young people could have the independence to find work.

Mrs Thatcher: Unemployment among those under 25 fell by more than 80,000 in the year to January and the unemployment rate for under-25-year-olds in the United Kingdom is below the average for Britain's major European competitors.

There are extensive measures under the Youth Training Scheme and the new Job Training Scheme to try to match training to the jobs which are to be filled.

On the question of housing for young people, she advised him to await the Conservative manifesto. There were certain controls which were not conducive to finding private rented property.

Dame Jill Knight (Birmingham, Edgbaston, C): Last Friday, the Labour Opposition deliberately blocked a Bill that would have stopped young people from being encouraged to grow up as homosexuals. Will she give an assurance that in the next Parliament she will protect the children and the concept of the family in legislation?

Mrs Thatcher: I know her great concern about protecting family life. I congratulate her on the promotion of the Bill, which nobody voted against. It was a great pity that it did not go through.

Mr Norman Buchan (Paisley South, Lab): Will the Prime Minister reject the appalling statement by the Secretary of State for Employment (Lord Young of Graffham) on February 12, when he said on *Newsnight*: "I lose no sleep over unemployment".

In this election, after eight years in office, there are three million unemployed, despite the fiddling with the figures. Will she come to my constituency and tell those who are unemployed as a result of her activities that she endorses that statement?

Mrs Thatcher: I know of no such statement and I hope that, as he has made an assertion, he will attempt to adduce chapter and verse, which I take it he cannot do.

Farewell from the Speaker

The Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill) told MPs that he would be in the Chair at the close of business on Friday to shake hands with members, especially those who were not standing for re-election.

In addition, he would be at home in the Speaker's house next Monday between noon and 1pm and he would welcome the opportunity to offer refreshment and good wishes for the future to retiring MPs.

Addressing his last remark to Mr Andrew Faulds (Warley East, Lab), who is not retiring but who made clear his eagerness to bid farewell to the Speaker when a previous invitation for "a glass of sherbet" was issued, the Speaker said: I say to Mr Faulds, no one will be turned away (laughter).

Later Mr Faulds raised a point of order, but said that it was not so much a point of order that he had to raise as an RSVP.

It had been extremely kind of the Speaker to issue a privileged invitation to him for small drinks on Monday or (in response to several shouts from other members) large drinks. He would be responding privately.

Referring to the cancellation of the prorogation ceremony, he said it would be more fitting in future if the wishes of the Commons and the Speaker were considered rather than the "lazy inclinations" of the House of Lords and its chairman.

The Speaker said that he thought all the ceremonies of the House had good reason in history and were reminders of the past struggles of those who had previously attended the House.

'Children first' pay deal

The new pay arrangements for teachers had been designed to give higher pay and promotion to those who had put children first throughout the time that others had been on strike, Mrs Thatcher said during Prime Minister's question time. Conservative MPs had paid tribute to the teachers who had continued to work.

Mr Harry Greenway (Ealing North, C), a former deputy headmaster, said that it was to the eternal credit of the teaching profession that many had defied recent union pressure to strike, and had put the education of children first. The time had come to put in hand measures to change the running of schools.

Mrs Thatcher said that she hoped that when the Conservative manifesto came out, he would be pleased.

Northern Ireland

King begs for end to killing

Twenty-two people had died as a result of the security situation in Northern Ireland since April 9, including Sir Maurice and Lady Gibson, four policemen, one member of the UDR and eight terrorists. *Mr Tom King*, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, told MPs during Commons questions.

Mr Michael Latham (Rutland and Melton, C) asked if he had seen on television last night the deplorable sight of masked gunmen at funerals on both sides of the border.

Would he confirm that whoever stood at the dispatch box after the election would be committed to an unrelenting fight against terrorism in North Ireland?

Mr King said that the sight that had given Mr Latham such offence gave equal offence to the overwhelming majority of people in Ireland. There was clear condemnation against the men of violence from north and south of the border.

Mr John Hume (Foyle, SDLP) expressed distaste at those who gloated over loss of life, who saw death as some kind of victory.

The most powerful statement made in the past 12 months was by the mother of an innocent boy aged 17, killed in a sectarian murder, who shouted "Stop", an appeal to all sides to stop the killing.

Mr King paid tribute to Mr Hume's courage in the light of a petrol bomb attack on his home earlier this week.

"He himself has been the victim of of mindless and most unpleasant violence directed against him and his family. The whole House respects the courage with which he discharges his responsibilities against some very evil men indeed" (cheers).

Mr Stuart Bell (Middlesborough, Lab) congratulated the security forces on their recent successes. They had had a difficult time in recent months and one or two actions were highly commendable.

Mr King said that there had been some fairly wild speculation about the events of last Friday night (when eight terrorists were killed while attacking the police station at Loughgall).

The events there had been a consequence of steps taken to try to improve the security of police stations against attacks, particularly police stations of a rather softer nature.

Mr John Hume: Wins praise for his courage.

A deliberate attempt to murder two policemen was prevented. It had been a very determined attack indeed.

"We were extremely fortunate not to suffer serious casualties among the security forces. They managed to resist in a very effective way.

"The responsibility for the casualties that occurred lie exclusively with the IRA which launched such a futile and dangerous attack."

Mr Stuart Bell, an Opposition spokesman on Northern Ireland, said he would like to associate the Opposition with the Government in its security policy towards Northern Ireland.

Mr King said that he was grateful for those comments and for the resolute position that Mr Bell and his front-bench colleagues had taken.

Mr Kevin McNamara (Hull North, Lab) said that the eight men killed in the ambush had reportedly been under surveillance at the farmhouse where they collected their weapons. There was only one access road into the village where they were trying to carry out their attack and they had been surrounded.

If those circumstances as related in the newspapers were correct, why had not a megaphone been used or a searchlight turned on to give the men an opportunity to surrender?

Mr Scott said that Mr McNamara should not believe all that he read in the newspapers.

Mr Ivor Stanbrook (Orpington, C) asked if it was not a fact that recidivism of those convicted of terrorist offences was very high. Should they not consider introducing powers to enable the courts of Northern Ireland to sentence offenders convicted of terrorist crimes to imprisonment for the duration of the emergency.

Miss Clare Short: Internment.

Mr Scott said that a study was being conducted about the degree of reinvolvement in terrorist activity of those convicted of terrorist-type offences. There was some superficial advice that that existed to a certain extent, but he advised against jumping to too many conclusions.

● An assurance that a Labour government would support the Anglo-Irish agreement was given during Commons questions by **Mr Stuart Bell**, an Opposition spokesman on Northern Ireland.

"Even when you've broken the mould, it just seems to wobble back into shape"

Owen and Steel are off on a flying campaign

The Alliance's election campaign roadshow, which will take the two party leaders to 10 cities in three days, got under way yesterday.

Dr David Owen and Mr David Steel travelled by executive jet to Cardiff, Belfast, Glasgow and Newcastle to underline their proposals for devolution and decentralization in Scotland, Wales and the English regions.

Today they will visit Leeds, Manchester, Nottingham and Southampton before rounding off their tour with Bristol and Exeter on Saturday.

It is an exercise designed to generate maximum media exposure, particularly on television, before the other two main parties get their campaign machines fully mobilized.

The purpose of the hectic trip, Mr Steel said in Newcastle last night, was to demonstrate the Alliance's determination that the election would not be a "London oriented, armchair campaign", and that they intended to take their arguments to the areas worst affected by government policies.

Mr Steel told party candidates and workers last night that voters in areas such as the North-east, traditionally a Labour stronghold, now had to decide if they were to stick with the politics of the past, or transfer their support to the movement that could stop a third Thatcher term.

Dr Owen said that there was now a "high possibility" of gaining Redcar in Cleveland, where Mr James Tinn, the sitting Labour MP, has announced that he will not stand again.

The two leaders said last night that they would, if elected, set up an organization in the North-east similar to the Scottish Development Agency.

Dr Owen said that although the Government had yesterday announced a further drop in the unemployment figure nationally, the number of jobless in the North-east had not fallen. He said the Alliance policies would create a million jobs in three years.

In Glasgow, Mr Steel said during their hour-long visit that the Alliance would scrap the community charge rushed through Parliament to replace domestic rates in Scotland.

The Alliance leaders were greeted by the results of a MORI opinion poll in *The Scotsman* which put their party in third place with 18 per cent of the Scottish vote – three points down on last March. But Mr Steel refused to be dismayed. Overall the polls showed an encouraging trend for the Alliance, he said.

While the key issues would be unemployment and a change in the electoral system, both leaders agreed that devolution would also rank high. The Alliance proposals would include Scottish devolution in a comprehensive reform sensitive to the distinctive nations of the UK, the province of Northern Ireland and all the regions of England.

The Scottish National Party was not a contender for government and could not therefore deliver, while the Tories had little to hope for in Scotland, Mr Steel said.

In Belfast the two leaders came in for heavy criticism from a leading member of the Rev Ian Paisley's Democratic Unionist Party, Mr Cedric Wilson, for their support of the Anglo-Irish agreement.

Dr David Owen and Mr David Steel survey the latest polls with some jubilation while travelling the country in their election jet yesterday (Photograph: Tim Bishop).

Leaders limber up for battle

By Nicholas Wood
Political Reporter

Mr Neil Kinnock clashed bitterly with Mrs Margaret Thatcher yesterday over the Government's stewardship of the National Health Service as the last Prime Minister's questions of this Parliament heralded a bruising contest between the two leaders in the general election campaign.

Mr Bernard Weatherill, the Speaker, repeatedly struggled to restore order as the Commons' end-of-term exuberance boiled over into cheers and jeers that sometimes drowned out exchanges.

Mr Kinnock was greeted by cries of "Bye, bye" from some Conservative MPs waving order papers as he launched an emotional attack on Mrs Thatcher's record, accusing her of misleading the House with her replies and being ignorant of the "pain and anxiety" suffered by people waiting for treatment.

He said that there were 750,000 people waiting for hospital treatment.

Mr Kinnock signalled an attempt to make his campaign a moral crusade against Thatcherism by adding: "There's not so much a shortage of money as an absence of morality on behalf of the Prime Minister."

Mrs Thatcher, declining to be drawn into trading insults, said she would reply with "facts not rhetoric".

She said that Labour governments since 1964 had presided over increases in waiting lists, while they had fallen under Conservative administrations, including her own. Annual NHS spending had risen from £7.75 billion in 1979 to £21 billion.

Mr Ron Lewis, Labour MP for Carlisle with a majority of 71, who is retiring from the Commons, asked the Prime Minister to give an assurance that she had never told a lie during her years in power.

Mrs Thatcher coolly told him that if he looked at her replies from the despatch box he would find them "accurate to the very best levels of my ability".

In the face of deafening Opposition barracking, Sir Ian Percival, Conservative MP for Southport, who is also stepping down, said that during the next few weeks millions of people would be praying that Mrs Thatcher would be given the health and strength to continue to give Britain such a "magnificent lead".

The Prime Minister replied: "I've never felt fitter".

Parties urged to support hunting ban

By Ruth Gledhill

The anti-hunt lobby yesterday urged the three leading political parties to make election manifesto commitments to abolish blood sports.

The League Against Cruel Sports claimed that the results of an opinion poll commissioned from Gallup showed that all three parties would gain more votes than they would lose if they supported a ban on hunting.

Mr Richard Course, the league's executive director, emphasized that it was not calling for the abolition of fishing.

Of more than 5,000 people questioned, 68 per cent said that they would approve if Parliament banned fox hunting. More than 70 per cent said it would make no difference to the way they voted if any of the three parties was the only one to have a manifesto committment to ban fox hunting, stag hunting or hare coursing.

Political advice alters royal diary

The Royal Family has rearranged its programme of engagements in the run-up to the general election to avoid any risk of becoming involved in political controversy.

Buckingham Palace said today that 10 engagement were being rescheduled or cancelled on political advice.

The Royal Family normally changes engagements at election times if advisers consider that a visit might give advantage to any political party, or if it interferes with election arrangements.

The cancellations include visits by the Prince and Princess of Wales to Liverpool on May 21 and 22 and by the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh to North Humberside on May 28, during which the Queen was to open Hull's new fire brigade headquarters.

Visits by the Prince of Wales to the Stock Exchange in London on May 28, where he was due to give a lecture, and by the Duke and Duchess of York to York on May 30 have also been cancelled.

Four engagements were planned for election day on June 11. The Queen was to go to John Milton's cottage at Chalfont St Giles, Buckinghamshire, the Princess of Wales was to open a nursing and retirement home at Tetbury, Gloucestershire and the Duchess of York had visits planned to King's College Hospital, London.

Political bywords

Kinnock revels in Celtic oratory

By Philip Howard

Neil Kinnock has been leader of the Labour Party since October 1983 and has had less time than other leaders to accumulate the barnacles of characteristic quotations. But he takes a Celtic delight in oratory, never using one word where five will do, that has earned him the nickname of the Welsh windbag.

SDP
Political renegades always start their career of treachery as "the best men of all parties" and end up in the Tory knackery.
Welsh Labour Party conference, 1985.

Economics
It is inconceivable that we could transform this society without a major extension of public ownership.
Marxism Today, 1983.

Patriotism
Those who prate about Blimpish patriotism in the mode of Margaret Thatcher are also the ones who will take millions off the caring services of this country.
Brighton conference, 1983.

Joker
You cannot fashion a wit out of two half-wits.
The Times, 1983.

PR
Proportional Representation, I think, is fundamentally counter-democratic.
Marxism Today, 1983.

Compassion
Compassion is not a sloppy, sentimental feeling for people who are underprivileged or sick . . . it is an absolutely practical belief that, regardless of a person's background, ability or ability to pay, he should be provided with the best that society has to offer.
Maiden speech, 1970.

Inadequacy
Like Brighton pier, all right as far as it goes, but inadequate for getting to France.
House of Commons, 1981.

Leisure
I'm prepared to take advice on leisure from Prince Philip. He's a world expert on leisure. He's been practising for most of his adult life.
Western Mail, 1981.

Permissive society
I'm a father. And no matter how much I try to convince myself towards the course of "enlightenment" I know damn well that, put to the test, I'm what people would call a reactionary.
Everywoman, 1986.

Militants
The grotesque chaos of a Labour council – a *Labour* council – hiring taxis to scuttle around a city handing out redundancy notices to its own workers.
Bournemouth Conference, 1985.

The Queen's Purse
This is pretty rich when a fortnight ago Prince Philip was warning us of the dangers of living off the State.
Speech, 1977.

Private education
Labour would not in any case abolish the right of parents to buy schooling. They could still buy it abroad.
Speech at Rochester, 1983.

Capitalism
We cannot remove the evils of capitalism without taking its source of power – ownership.
Tribune, 1975.

Labour voter
The idea that there is a model Labour voter, a blue-collar council house tenant who belongs to a union and has 2.4 children, a five-year-old car and a holiday in Blackpool, is patronizing and politically immature.
Election strategy conference, 1986.

Next: the Alliance leaders

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ELECTION 87

How Labour loses out in the marginal seats

By Robin Oakley
Political Editor

The lesson of the latest *Times*/MORI poll of marginal seats is that Mrs Margaret Thatcher and the Conservatives are once again doing rather better in the marginals than they are in the country at large.

An average of the opinion polls conducted nationwide in May suggests a 1.5 per cent swing to Labour since the last election. But Labour is not getting the benefit of that swing because of the way it is collecting those extra votes.

The national average figures would suggest a drop in the Tory majority from 144 to 106 with the Conservatives losing 12 seats to Labour, five to the Alliance and two to others. However, on the figures from the marginal seats, the Government would seem to be heading for a victory margin almost identical to that in 1983.

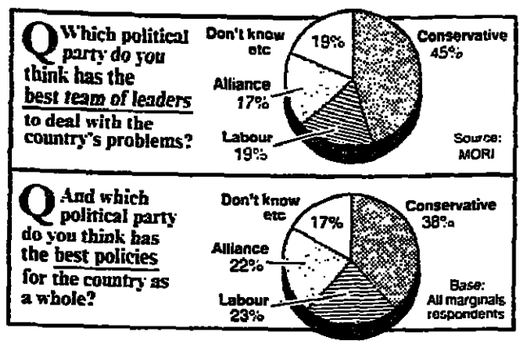
There has been virtually no movement in the Conservative/Labour marginals but in the Conservative/Alliance marginals there has been a 3.5 per cent swing from Alliance to Labour. In terms of seats, however, that is practically useless for Labour and it will be subject to a tactical squeeze.

If the pattern indicated by the latest MORI figures were to be repeated on June 11, Labour would gain no more than a handful of seats and the Alliance would lose between seven and 10 seats. But expert psephologists do not believe that this will happen.

The evidence of the polls is that a number of people in making their responses have forgotten that they voted Alliance in 1983. The number of people saying that they are likely to turn out and vote has increased among Alliance supporters, so has the degree of identification with the party.

The signs are that when they are reminded that Labour is in third place in those Conservative/Alliance marginals such voters are likely to swing over to the Alliance again as the election gathers momentum.

The Alliance has been noticeably swifter than the two main parties in launching its general election campaign, winning headlines with selective leaks from its manifesto day by day while the other parties were still concerned with the legislative death throes of the 1983-87 Parliament.



SEATS AND VOTES

	Con	Lab	Alln	Other	Overall maj.
1983 election vote share(%)	44	28	26	2	-
1983 seats	397	209	23	21	+144
National polls May 87(%)	42	29	27	2	-
Seats on uniform swing (notional)	378	221	28	23	+106
Seats on marginal swing (notional)	395	213	17	23	+140

Votes in Great Britain only taking into account latest Scottish poll

The Alliance leadership is keen to make its impact earlier in this election than in 1983 when the surge of votes in its favour happened only in the last few days. Achieving the one third increase in share of the vote during the campaign which the Alliance secured in 1983 will be much harder from the higher starting base this time. The marginals poll evidence is that those tactics are wise and that there is potential for an increase in the Alliance vote.

Leading psephologist Dr David Butler said last night that he did not believe that the picture in the Conservative/Alliance marginals in particular was likely to stay the same.

The concept of tactical voting has yet to show through significantly

"Tactical voting is likely to develop and to affect the poll figures. Things are going to move. The discrepancies between the various polls indicate the volatility of the electorate and I expect a lot to move, though I am not saying it will necessarily move towards the Alliance".

Mr John Curtice, another leading psephologist has already pointed out that in the last general election the Alliance made up 12 points on the Conservatives during the campaign. If that figure were applied to the latest opinion poll results then the Alliance could even finish as the largest party.

Dr Butler said: "We must not forget an even bigger landslide than last time for the Conservatives is possible on these starting figures. But so is a hung Parliament".

However, the concept of tactical voting, clearly evident at the by-elections during this Parliament in which the Conservatives on average lost 13.7 per cent of their share of the vote while Labour gained 0.8 and the Alliance 12.9 per cent, has yet to show through significantly.

In Conservative/Labour marginals MORI found that 81 per cent said they would vote for the party which most represented their views and only 14 per cent intended to vote for their second choice party to keep out the party they liked the least.

In Conservative/Alliance marginals the figures were 84 per cent and 14 per cent. In both categories there were twice as many intending tactical voters among Alliance supporters as there were among supporters of the other two parties.

Among the issues, while a smaller proportion of voters rate unemployment as one of the most important topics it still tops the list with voters in both sets of marginals. The National Health Service is being given increased attention, up 7 per cent in Conservative/Labour marginals since February and up 8 per cent in Conservative/Alliance marginals.

It now rates a clear second place in both Conservative/Labour and Conservative/Alliance marginals. That should be good for the Labour Party, which intends to make it a centrepiece of its campaign.

Labour is still rated as having the best policies on unemployment. In Conservative/Labour marginals Labour scores 37 per cent to 27 per cent for the Conservatives and 15 per cent for the Alliance. In Conservative/Alliance marginals it scores 36 per cent to 27 per cent for the Conservatives and 16 per cent for the Alliance.

Education, which Labour's strategists see as another good issue for them, is up marginally, and in spite of Conservative hopes that defence would be a centrepiece of the campaign it rates as a main subject with only 18 per cent of the electorate on both sets of marginals.

Even in Conservative/Labour marginals twice as many voters believe the Conservatives have the best policies on defence. They win the support of 49 per cent, to just 22 per cent for Labour and 12 per cent for the Alliance.

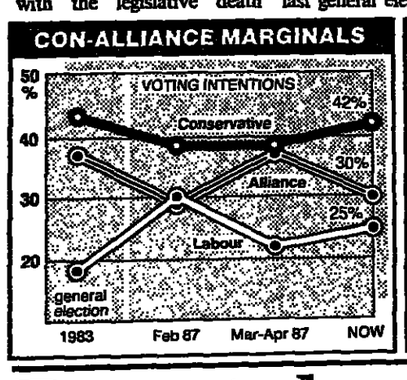
46 per cent see the Conservatives as having the best team

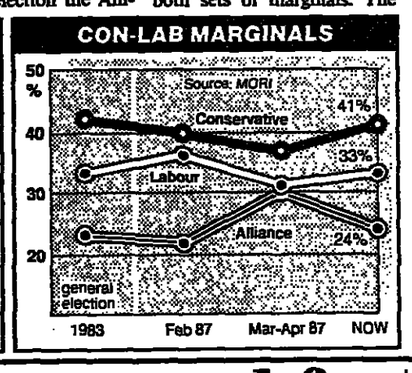
On disarmament Labour fares rather better, getting a 28 per cent rating to the 33 per cent for the Conservatives.

On the question of leadership, 46 per cent of voters in Conservative/Labour marginals see the Conservatives as having the best team compared with 41 per cent in February. Labour remains on the same mark at 21 per cent and the Alliance has dropped a point at 16 per cent.

In Conservative/Alliance marginals the Conservatives are up from 39 to 47 per cent, Labour is down from 20 to 17 per cent and the Alliance down from 20 to 18 per cent.

MORI conducted face-to-face interviews between May 11-13 after the announcement of the election date among a representative sample of 1,424 adults aged 18+ in 73 Conservative-held marginals. Sixty-two of the constituencies would go to Labour on a swing of 10 per cent and 22 would go to the Alliance on a swing of 5 per cent. Eleven constituencies are three-way marginals falling into both categories. A total of 1,094 interviews were conducted in Conservative/Labour marginals and 659 in Conservative/Alliance marginals. Margins of error in the two samples are plus or minus 3 and 4 per cent respectively.





Campaign talk...Mr Nigel Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer, (above) addressing the Scottish Conservatives in Perth yesterday (Photograph: Tom Kidd) and Mr Michael Meacher, Labour's health spokesman, at a press conference in London (Photograph: Denzil McNeelance).

Thatcher goes north to ignite Tory campaign

By Richard Evans, Political Correspondent

A year ago tomorrow Mrs Margaret Thatcher arrived in Perth to find her party north of the border in turmoil. This evening she returns and, partly as a result of last year's salutary experience, she hopes to ignite the Conservatives' general election campaign.

The city of Perth has an uncanny knack of popping up at crucial times for Mrs Thatcher. In 1979 it was the venue for her first important speech as Prime Minister which she began with the words: "Well, We won didn't we".

Three years later she was in the city to speak at a key period during the Falklands crisis. And in 1983, as now, Mrs Thatcher announced the date of the general election and immediately made for Perth to rally the Scots.

As she travels this afternoon she will no doubt be hoping that this year's truncated Scottish Conservative conference will prove as successful a launching pad as it did four summers ago. Yet in Perth's solid City Hall 364 days ago the only words associated with elections were disaster, defeat and demoralization.

Long-faced party activists were plunged into anguished soul-searching after a humiliating set of local election results which saw the Conservatives lose control of the three regions they had held.

Amid the gloom and doom senior party figures were, by Tory standards, openly critical of the Government's performance and, implicitly, of Mrs Thatcher.

All in all not the ideal setting for the leader of any party to have to address the troops. But it proved the turning point. If the Conservatives win the general election on June 11 the despair of Perth will have been the starting point.

For Mrs Thatcher, having been warned in advance that a "more-of-the-same-policies" speech would be the last straw for the loyalist of Scots, sang a different tune last year.

"What I think people are now saying to the Government is this: 'You understood what worried us a few years ago. And you had the guts to do something about it. Do you understand what is worrying us today?'"

Twelve months later measures for tackling those new challenges — such as radically reforming the state education system and regenerating the inner cities — look set to form the heart of the Conservative manifesto.

But the jewel in the crown as far as the Scots are concerned is already in place. Mrs Thatcher will be able to tell the conference that the Government has kept its promise to abolish the rating system and that a Bill replacing it with a community charge, or poll tax, has been given Royal Assent.

A MORI opinion poll published in *The Scotsman* yesterday shows that Conservative support in Scotland has risen six points since March, but they are still only on 25 per cent, three and a half points behind the support obtained at the 1983 election and 18 points behind Labour.

The poll gives Labour 43 per cent, Conservatives 25 per cent, the Liberal/SDP Alliance 18 per cent and the Scottish National Party 14 per cent. If those voting intentions were repeated at the general election the Tories could expect to lose six seats to Labour, two to the SNP and to gain one from the Alliance.

The MPs under threat include Mr Michael Ancram, a junior Scottish minister (Edinburgh, South), a Government whip, Mr Gerry Malone (Aberdeen South), Mr Albert McQuarrie (Banff and Buchan), Mr John Corrie (Cunninghame, North), Sir Alex Fletcher (Edinburgh Central), Mr Alex Pollock (Moray), Mrs Anna McCurley (Renfrew, West and Inverclyde) and Mr Michael Hirst (Strathkelvin and Bearsden).

Alliance promises ministry of justice

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

The creation of a ministry of justice, 4,000 extra police officers, a Bill obliging banks to notify narcotics authorities of any large cash transactions and a commitment to end the "silent scandal" of overcrowded prisons were among key elements of the Alliance law and order policy unveiled yesterday.

Launching the policy, Mrs Shirley Williams, the Alliance home affairs spokesman, said that the Tories had concentrated on tackling crime without considering its causes; while Labour was concentrating on its causes but would withhold from the police the wherewithal to tackle it.

"The Alliance would tackle both crime and the causes of crime", she said.

She promised an extra 4,000 police officers and 1,000 more non-police staff to assist them, at a cost of £125 million to £150 million.

There would also be better pay and promotion structures to retain community beat policemen, local police offices in high crime areas, a statutory duty on local authorities to create crime prevention units, and greater emphasis on security in planning new housing.

Proportional representation at local level would eradicate the "loony left", making possible a democratic London-wide police authority. That would increase police accountability, but would not interfere with operational decisions.

Conditions in the prisons were "a disgrace in any civilized society", Mrs Williams said. To curb chronic overcrowding the Alliance would set a 110-day limit for remand prisoners, provide bail hostels, and discourage custodial sentences for minor offences. It would also adopt minimum standards for prisons within two years.

In an attempt to combat the illicit drugs trade, Lord Harris of Greenwich, a former Home Office minister, committed the Alliance to introduce legislation similiar to that in the United States where banks are obliged to inform the FBI of cash transactions of more than $10,000.

Outlining Alliance plans for a ministry of justice, Mr Alex Carlile, QC, Liberal MP for Montgomery, said that it would assume all responsibility for legal services from the "megalithic" Home Office and all the functions of the law officers and Lord Chancellor's departments.

Legal aid provision would be increased and made more widely available. Community law centres would be reopened. The crown prosecution service would receive extra funds. Peremptory challenge would be retained.

Parents lose appeal for damages over deaf son

The parents of a deaf schoolboy yesterday lost an appeal in the House of Lords to reinstate a £102,000 damages award to their son.

The law lords unanimously dismissed an appeal brought by Mr James Kay, a geography teacher, of Ardayre Road, Prestwick, on behalf of his son Andrew, aged 13.

Mr Kay and his wife, Madge, won a £102,000 award against the Ayrshire and Arran Health Board from the Lord Ordinary in the Scottish courts in March 1985.

Their case was that Andrew's deafness, which has led to speech loss and behaviour difficulties, was linked with, or contributed to, by the massive overdose of penicillin he was given after being admitted to the Seafield Children's Hospital in Ayr, when he was suffering from meningitis in November 1975, aged two.

But in December 1985 the First Division of the Court of Session in Edinburgh reduced the award against the health board to £3,000, plus £4,175 interest.

Lord Ackner, dismissing the Kays' appeal yesterday, said: "Everybody who has read, or will read, about Andrew's case cannot but be moved by the tragedy which has befallen him and his family".

But the evidence had failed to prove that the boy's deafness was linked withthe penicillin overdose.

The hospital authority has not disputed liability for the immediate consequences of the penicillin overdose — convulsions and paralysis — which cleared up within a few days without leaving any neurological defect. It has been accepted that the figure of £3,000 was the proper compensation for this.

Lord Keith of Kinkel said that on November 28, 1975, Andrew, then two years and five months old, was admitted to Seafield Children's Hospital suffering from pneumococcal meningitis, a "most virulent form" of the disease.

By mistake, he was given 300,000 units of penicillin instead of 10,000 units which rapidly produced toxic effects.

The child went into immediate convulsions and later developed a degree of paralysis on one side of his body. The senior house officer, who had given the injection realized his mistake immediately and took urgent remedial measures which saved Andrew's life.

Although the ill effects of the overdose disappeared, it was discovered that the boy was sufferingfrom profound bilateral deafness, which still affects him, Lord Keith said.

However, Lord Keith said: "The weight of the evidence is that the deafness was caused by the meningitis and that there was no connection between the deafness and the overdose of penicillin."

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'Threat' to barristers in provinces

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

The existence of provincial chambers is being threatened by a shortage of High Court judges outside London, according to Mr Peter Scott, QC, chairman of the Bar.

The shortage is resulting in regional courtrooms being drained of work which is going to London, where litigation is more costly, Mr Scott says in the latest issue of *Counsel*, the Bar magazine.

He says that there is "not a single resident High Court judge" in the area covered by the Northern circuit, which includes Greater Manchester, where there are more than three million people and a gross domestic product of £61 billion.

There is an "increasing" tendency for good quality civil work to be brought to London.

"Very few chambers can prosper if they only do publicly-funded work, especially crime. They are increasingly at the mercy of government."

Calling for more High Court judges to reside out on circuit, Mr Scott says he favours a proposal from the Lord Chancellor's Department that High Court judges should spend all or some of the year in the provincial centres.

Meanwhile the Bar and solicitors should join forces to combat the problem of providing legal services locally.

"Both sides of the legal profession have a responsibility to provide a good quality service and to so do conveniently. There is no sensible reason why this should not be done in the large provincial centres", Mr Scott says.

Blue roses could be on the way

A blue rose, with its pigmentation taken from the genes that give delphiniums their colour, could be one of the products of a research centre costing £6 million, planned by Twyford International at Cambridge.

The centre will employ 30 scientists to use molecular biology techniques to transfer genes for certain traits, such as colour, from one type of plant to another. As well as making blue roses, the technique can also improve crops.

Tatchell plea

Mr Peter Tatchell, the former Labour parliamentary candidate, was among 10 people who appeared before Portsmouth magistrates yesterday after a protest in the city on Wednesday. All denied being found in circumstances which required them to be bound over and the hearings were adjourned.

Pianist cleared

Roger Woodward, the concert pianist, was cleared by the Central Criminal Court yesterday of attempting to pervert the course of justice. He was accused ofhiding a camera stolen from a photographer who suffered fatal injuries during the Brixton riots in 1985.

Drug overdose

Mr John Higgins, aged 50, who was found dead at his home in Corringham, near Pitsea, Essex, died of an overdose of drink and drugs, it was disclosed yesterday. The bodies of three members of his family, all suffering from head injuries, were found at the same time.

National Bike Week was launched in London yesterday by Mr Richard Tracey, Minister for Sport, with Woman Police Constable Angela Honnor assisting in tandem .

Anglers win pollution case against authority

Anglers campaigning against river pollution took a water authority to court yesterday, and won.

Thames Water Authority was fined £6,000 after admitting six charges of ammonia pollution in the river Thame at Aylesbury Magistrates' Court, Buckinghamshire.

The prosecution was brought by the Anglers Co-operative Association on behalf of a group of 20 angling clubs and their 5,000 members.

It was the first time a water authority had been taken to court under the Control of Pollution Act, 1974.

The six charges against Thames Water concerned sewage effluent which entered the Thame from the Aylesbury sewage treatment works, between September 11, 1986 and January 28 this year, and which failed to conform to the legal limits for ammonia.

Mr John Haines, for Thames Water, said: "Thames Water accepts absolute responsibility".

The authority was fined £1,000 on each of the six charges and ordered to pay £800 costs.

Weekend food prices

Chicken and fresh fish the best buys

Chicken, once considered a treat, is considerably less expensive now than red meat, and consumption rose by a further 5 per cent last year. Whole birds range from 76p to 98p per lb fresh and 54p-64p per lb frozen. They can of course be bought in quarters, drumsticks and breast pieces for convenience when cooking casseroles and other dishes.

The declining consumption in the home of beef is more than balanced by restaurant meals and take-aways. For those who still cherish the weekend family roast, topside and silverside are selling at about £2.18 per lb and sirloin at £2.87 per lb.

Lamb prices continue to rise with home-produced leg up to £2.19 per lb, shoulder at £1.35 and loin chops at £2.25. New Zealand equivalents are £1.48, 84p and £1.53 per lb respectively.

A selection of meats being promoted at various shops and supermarkets include Dewhurst pork and lamb chops at £1.20 per lb. Sainsbury frozen chicken up to 3½ lb at 46p per lb and beef topside at £1.76 per lb. Tesco New Zealand lamb chops are £1.19 per lb and fresh boned shoulder of pork 94p. Bejam New Zealand whole leg of lamb is 99p per lb (down 37p) and pork chops £1.19. Asda home-produced chickens up to 3lb 15oz are selling at 69p per lb and pork chops at 99p.

Of the excellent quality flatfish available, plaice is probably the best value nationwide at an average £2.08 per lb, but the price could be as low as £1.20 in some areas.

Whole lemon sole is down 5p on last week's price to £2.36, but Dover sole is up by about 7p to more than £5 per lb. Huss is under £1 per lb and good quality. Also cheaper this week are cod and fresh and smoked haddock. Perch at about £1.60 per lb is available in some areas. Farmed salmon is still expensive at more than £5 per lb; sea trout could be a good alternative at about £4.

Peeled prawns are up about 6p per lb to an average of £4.94, but the price can vary from £3 to £9 depending on type. Dressed Cromer crabs are available at about £1.40 for small (4oz) and £2.20 for the larger ones (7oz).

The selection of potatoes in the shops is almost as wide as that of apples. Besides home-grown whites, reds, Caras and King Edward's, at between 13p and 16p per lb, there are Cyprus large and small, Egyptian Caras and new King Edward from 16p to 40p. The unique Jersey Royals, with their very special flavour, are naturally much more expensive at 70p to £1, but still worth buying while they are small and delicious.

Cucumbers at 35p to 65p each, spring onions at 18p to 30p a bunch, imported celery at 40p to 65p a head and tomatoes at 65p to 80p per lb are among the best value salad ingredients.

Good fruit buys include bananas at 38p to 54p per lb, avocados from 24p each, Cape Barlinka grapes at 80p to £1 per lb, grapefruit at 10p to 25p each, New Zealand Coxes and Granny Smith's at 35p to 40p per lb, pineapples at 70p to £1.75 each, rhubarb at 15p to 25p per lb and strawberries at 35p to 65p for a ½lb punnet.

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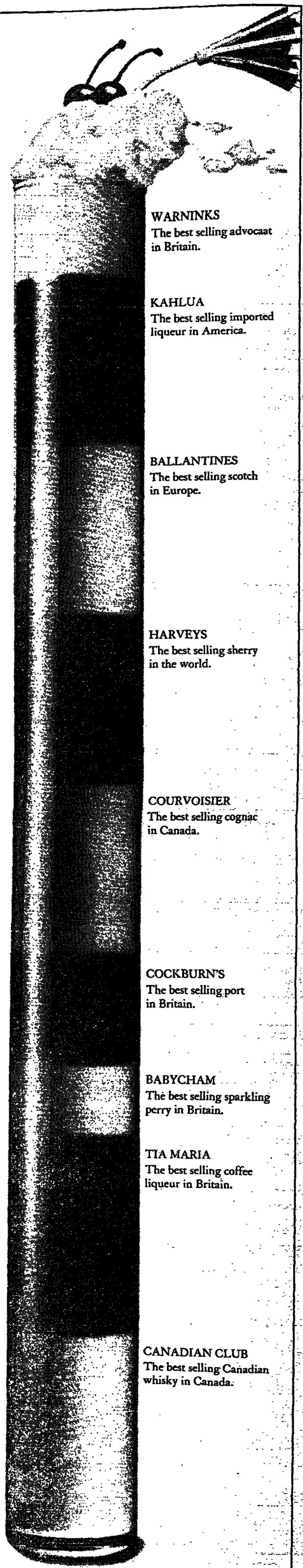

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WORLD SUMMARY

US hostage seen on Beirut video

Beirut – The kidnappers of Mr Alann Steen, the lecturer abducted in west Beirut last January, yesterday produced a brief videotape of their captive – sitting on the floor of a bare-walled room, reading a long and rambling diatribe against the US Government but looking in remarkably good health (Robert Fisk writes). Last month, his fellow captive, Mr Jesse Turner, said on video that Mr Steen was gravely ill and that his life would "be *over in a few hours*".

Mr Steen read his statement slowly and with apparent difficulty, insisting that his captors, the "Islamic Jihad for the Liberation of Palestine", had saved his life and renewing their demand for the release of prisoners in Israeli jails.

Cash limit breached

Strasbourg – The European Commission yesterday revealed its draft spending plans for 1988, which breach the EEC revenue ceiling of 1.4 per cent VAT contributions *by some £3.5 billion* (Richard Owen writes).

Mr Henning Christophersen, the Budget Commissioner, unveiled a 1988 budget of £28.7 billion, up from £25.4 billion this year. This will anger Mrs Thatcher and others who *favour "budget discipline"*.

Mandela rent

Johannesburg – Mrs Winnie Mandela, the wife of jailed African National Congress leader, Mr Nelson Mandela, was one of several leading black activists who were yesterday given 30 days to pay rent arrears on their Soweto council homes or face eviction (Michael Hornsby writes).

Others included Dr Nthato Motlana, chairman of the Soweto Civic Association and Mrs Albertina Sisulu, wife of another imprisoned ANC leader.

Mines kill 10 troops

Colombo (AFP) – Ten soldiers were killed and five *wounded yesterday by land*mines believed planted by Tamil separatists. Seven died and three were injured on a routine patrol in the north-east Trincomalee district; the other casualties occurred when a mine blew up near Morawewa, also in Trincomalee.

Meanwhile, in northern Jaffna the separatist Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, continued to shell Kankasanthurai harbour.

Aids rule eased

Bonn – The Social Democratic Opposition in Bonn is to question a controversial government order to turn back foreign Aids suspects at West Germany's borders (John England writes).

The order, issued by Herr Friedrich Zimmermann, the right-wing Interior Minister, has since been watered down in the face of widespread criticism. Aliens will now be held at frontier posts only when there is "concrete evidence" of infection from a foreign authority.

Bing court ruling

New York – A judge has ruled that Sir Rudolph Bing, the former opera impresario, is legally "incompetent" and approved proceedings to annul his four-month marriage (Charles Bremner writes).

Sir Rudolph, aged 85, who suffers from Alzheimer's disease, secretly married Mrs Carroll Douglass, aged 47, in Virginia in January. The couple fled to the Caribbean but were last reported to be in a Yorkshire hotel. Lady Bing was found in contempt of court for ignoring an order to bring her husband back to New York.

Swastika uproar

Vienna – Austria's Parliament broke up in uproar last night when Herr Andreas Wabl, a Greens MP, produced a swastika flag during a debate on President Waldheim (Richard Bassett writes). "This, ladies and gentlemen, is what our Austrian President did his duty for," he said.

Cries from all sides of the House of "shame" drowned the rest of Herr Wabl's speech and the Speaker had to adjourn the debate for half an hour.

Kenyan worries

Nairobi – The Kenyan Government has reacted swiftly to allegations in the Nairobi *Standard* that some 200 Kenyans are undergoing guerrilla training in Libya, after being flown to Tripoli from Uganda (Alistair Matheson writes).

Apparently treating the story seriously, a Kenyan *Foreign Ministry* statement has expressed "deep concern" over the report, adding that it is now "watching the situation".

Barbie defies bailiffs and stays in cell

From Michael McCarthy, Lyons

The trial of Klaus Barbie continued yesterday with a glaringly empty dock after the former Gestapo officer, who withdrew from the proceedings on Wednesday, refused two further invitations from the court to take part.

Barbie remained defiantly in his cell a mile from the Lyons Palais de Justice and returned a dusty answer both to the policeman who asked him in the morning if he felt like turning up for the day, as it were, and to the two court bailiffs who were later sent with a stiffly formal request to know his intentions.

This archaic procedure, which lasts up to an hour, will now take place at the beginning of each day's session for the rest of the trial, expected to last eight to 10 weeks.

It is always possible that one day Barbie will suddenly decide to present himself, although the fact that his two court-appointed interpreters returned to Paris last night would suggest it is unlikely.

One of them, Mme Karla Dejean, aged 50, a German-born naturalized Frenchwoman, accompanied the bailiffs to his cell and said later: "He was sitting down and got up to say 'hello' and we went through the formalities. He looked the same."

As the trial began again it seemed to a foreign observer very much like Hamlet without the prince, were not the comparison invidious between the Renaissance spirit who thought what a piece of work is man and the Nazi who allegedly wreaked personal violence on so many human bodies.

But the massed ranks of prosecution lawyers, more than 40 representing victims and their families, accepted it quite placidly. Article 320 of the French Penal Code gives an Assize Court judge power to force an accused person to appear but it is a power that is simply never used.

Maître Serge Klarsfeld, one of the leading prosecution counsel, told *The Times*: "Far from being disappointed by Barbie's absence I am delighted. Some people will be upset that they will not be able to confront him while others will be relieved. I do not think his presence matters."

His opinion, however, was not shared by Mme Lise Lesevre, the 82-year-old Resistance veteran whose husband and son were allegedly deported to concentration camps and death by Barbie, and who herself was allegedly tortured by him for 19 days. A small, frail, white-haired figure of immense dignity, hobbling into court with a walking stick, she said: "When I was unable to walk to my interrogation sessions I was dragged there. I am extremely sorry he has left; I would have wished to have confronted him."

Barbie left the court on Wednesday saying he had been returned illegally from Bolivia to France in February 1983. Before yesterday's session began, his counsel, Maître Jacques Vergès commented mockingly: "My client may be physically in France, but legally he is in Bolivia."

Maître Klarsfeld, however, insisted that Barbie's return had been perfectly legal, and the court heard this confirmed from the Bolivian junior minister who was actually in charge of his expulsion, Señor Gustavo Sánchez.

Señor Sánchez, the Vice-Minister of the Interior in La Paz in 1983, said that the liberal Government of President Siles Zuazo had decided to expel Barbie as an undesirable citizen, which it was legally entitled to do.

Mr Eugene Kolb explaining at his home in the United States how he employed the former Gestapo officer, Klaus Barbie, as an informant for US Intelligence in post-war Germany. Mr Kolb said that he was sceptical about the war crimes charges against his former agent.

Tough new sex rules issued by Pentagon

From Michael Binyon Washington

The Pentagon has published sweeping new regulations on the kind of sexual behaviour and misconduct which could be grounds for dismissal from the US armed forces.

Under the new, tighter rules – which came into effect in January but have only now been published – all servicemen and contractors with security clearance must divulge in any routine review if they have engaged in certain sexual practices.

These include adultery, homosexuality, wife swapping, group sex, sex with animals, and sexual harassment.

Such behaviour could lead to dismissal or the loss of security clearance.

The new code also rules out "deviant or perverted sexual behaviour which may indicate a mental or personality disorder (eg transexualism, transvestism, exhibitionism . . . voyeurism, bestiality or sodomy)".

Adultery alone is not an absolute ground for dismissal, but only when such behaviour is "recent, frequent and likely to continue and has an adverse effect on good order or discipline within the workplace".

Iran-Contra hearings

McFarlane 'would have told Reagan'

From Michael Binyon, Washington

Mr Robert McFarlane said yesterday *that the approval* given to Lieutenant-Colonel Oliver North to divert Iran arms profits to the Nicaraguan Contras came at least from Rear-Admiral John Poindexter, his successor as National Security Adviser.

"Something of that magnitude – assuming it were brought to the admiral's attention – I'm sure he would not undertake on his own authority," he told the joint congressional hearings on the Iran-Contra affair. When he was in office, he would not have authorized such a step without consulting the President. But *he emphasized that he was* only speculating.

Mr McFarlane had told the committee earlier that Colonel North regularly received instructions from the late William Casey, then Director of the Central Intelligence Agency. He said he became aware in autumn 1985 that Colonel North had more contact with Mr Casey than he had realized.

"He mentioned . . . at one point to say that the Director *had volunteered $1 million. I* think it probably was comic. But it was expressive of a relationship that surprised me." Yesterday he said Mr Casey was a man of intellect, canniness and devoted to promoting the national interest. He was "more loyal to his President than anyone I've ever seen".

Mr McFarlane, who by Wednesday had become increasingly irritated by more than 15 hours of questioning, regained his composure for his fourth day on the witness stand. He was called back because most congressmen and senators who had not had a chance to put their questions insisted – with a clear eye to the publicity of the live television coverage – on doing so.

Mr McFarlane again defended President Reagan as a "decisive man who does what he believes is right". He has consistently denied that Mr Reagan broke any law, or solicited aid for the Contras when this was banned.

Poll shows UK police and army highly rated

From Diana Geddes, Paris

The British have a relatively low opinion of their schools, press and trade unions, but a surprisingly high opinion of their army and police, according to a comparative poll of attitudes to social institutions in Britain, France, Germany, Spain and the US.

The poll, published in Britain exclusively in *The Times*, was carried out by Louis Harris International for the French magazine *L'Express* and the Paris-based International Institute of Geopolitics, whose three-day symposium on "The media, power and democracy" opens here today.

The British took a median position when it came to judging their church, legal system, business community and Parliament, giving them all a confidence rating of between 52 and 56 per cent.

Asked to compare in importance a list of "freedoms", *the British put the freedom to* information at the top.

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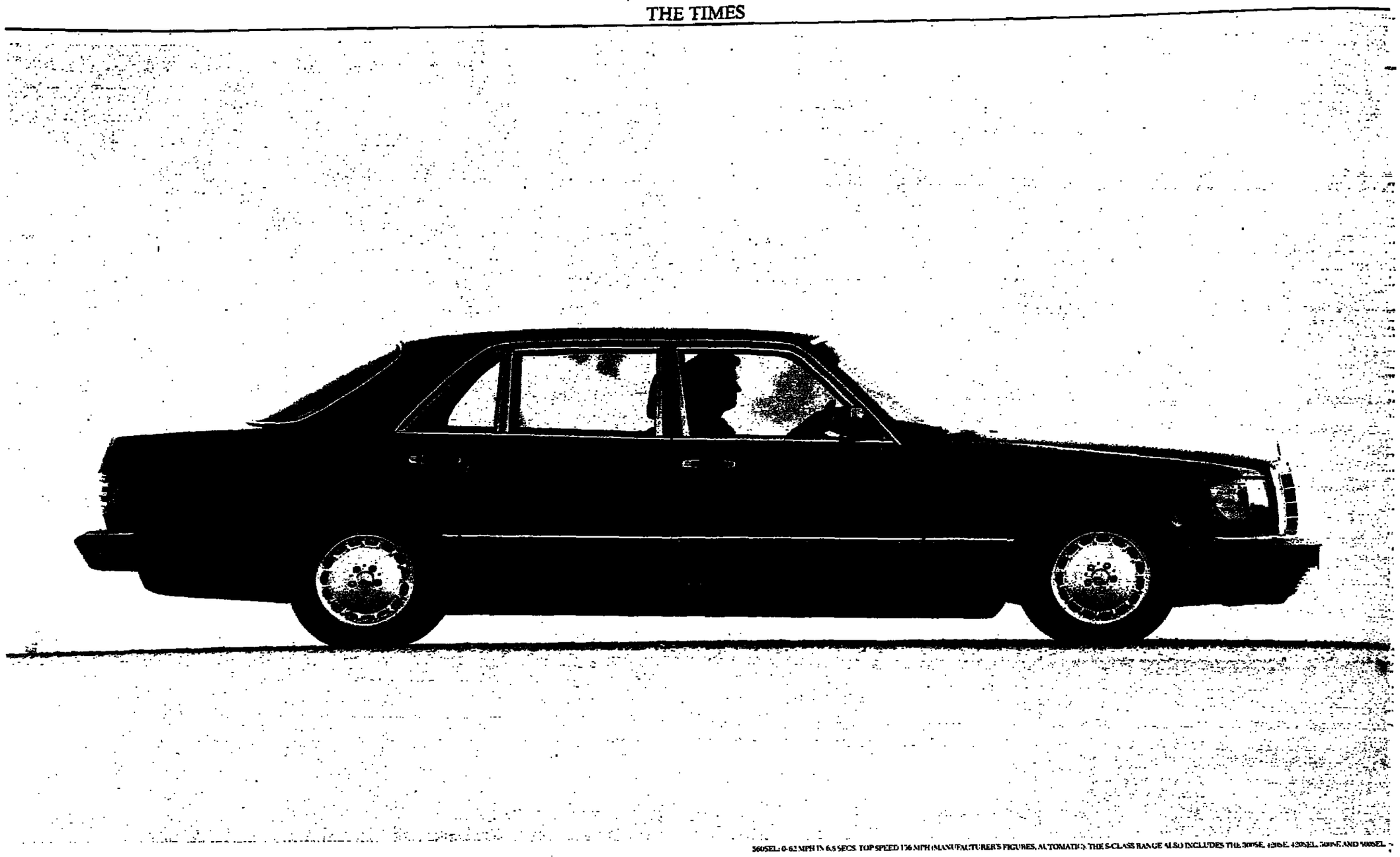

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Fiji rebellion: Cabinet held ● Governor defiant ● Emergency declared ● Coup condemned

Confusion as colonel seizes power

From Russell Hill, Wellington

The Governor-General of Fiji, Ratu Sir Penaia Ganilau, yesterday assumed executive powers and declared a state of emergency after a rebel army officer and 10 accomplices arrested the Government and declared himself in charge of the Pacific island nation.

The outcome of the action by the group of officers of the Royal Fiji Military Forces was last night confused as the leader of the rebels, a lieutenant-colonel, released statements annoucing a takeover while the Governor-General issued a direct challenge to the initiators of the coup move.

Observers said that the Governor-General's action in resisting the coup attempt had possibly placed him in physical danger. But as the crisis continued there had been no reports of bloodshed.

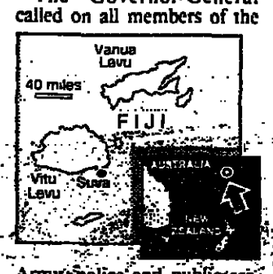
Lieutenant-Colonel Sitiveni Rabuka, the third-ranking military officer in Fiji, had moved against the Government at 10 am on Thursday (New Zealand time), marching into the National Assembly in Suva with 10 other armed officers.

Brandishing pistols, the group herded all 28 members of the recently elected Labour-National Federation Government into army trucks. The MPs, including the Prime Minister, Dr Timoci Bavadra, were taken to the nearby Queen Elizabeth barracks and held there under guard.

The coup attempt appeared at first to have succeeded completely, with Colonel Rabuka unchallenged as the head of an interim military government and promising to call fresh general elections.

But Ratu Ganilau announced 12 hours later he was taking immediate steps "to restore the lawful situation".

The Governor-General called on all members of the Army, police and public service to return to their lawful allegiance.



This message was broadcast on the commercial radio station FM96 but not immediately by the Government-financed National Radio Fiji network, which has been under military control.

The Governor-General's statement, in his own words, read: "People of Fiji. I am deeply disturbed by the events of this morning during a sitting of the National Assembly.

"The unlawful seizure of members of my Government and some members of Parliament has created an unprecedented situation which must not be allowed to continue.

"The executive power under the constitution of Fiji is vested in Her Majesty the Queen which, by law and convention, I exercise on her behalf on the advice of the Cabinet. In the temporary absence of Ministers of the Crown, I have assumed that authority."

The radio station was instructed by the military not to re-broadcast the message.

Colonel Rabuka had earlier indicated that he had asked the Governor-General to continue in his position when the constitution had been restored.

The rebel colonel asserted that the Governor-General had, forced, provided the Queen gave her consent.

The coup attempt was seen as a direct result of the election last month of the coalition Government headed by Dr Bavadra.

The upset victory for the coalition brought racial tensions in Fiji to a head.

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Dr Bavadra: Taken from Parliament yesterday with his Government colleagues by a group of armed officers.

Man in the news

Rugby player who led raid

From Russell Hill, Wellington

The leader of the first attempted coup against a South Pacific government, Lieutenant-Colonel Sitiveni (Steve) Rabuka, was described by associates yesterday as a highly respected and popular officer in the Royal Fiji Military Forces.

A former Fiji Assistant Secretary of Defence, Mr Phillip King, said last night that the action by Colonel Rabuka, the third highest-ranking member of the Fiji Army, in leading a raid by officers on the National Assembly and abducting the members of the recently elected Government including the Prime Minister, Dr Timoci Bavadra, was completely out of character. "He is too mild a man to play in something like this — without a doubt he is being pushed," he said.

Another personal friend, the Fiji Consul in Auckland, Major Mike Yasa, said of the 38-year-old colonel: "He is very popular with the boys in the Army. I always found him one who reasoned things out."

The physically robust colonel, a devout Christian who has represented Fiji overseas in rugby and athletics, was described by others who know him as patriotic but non-violent.

Trained in New Zealand and at Sandhurst, he served with the 6th Gurkha Rifles in Hong Kong and completed two tours with Fiji's peacekeeping forces in the Middle East.

In 1981 he was made an officer of the Order of the British Empire, in part for "his imagination and innovation" in confronting and restraining operations of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

The New Zealand Prime Minister, Mr David Lange, said yesterday that Colonel Rabuka was a member of a force with combat skills "unparalleled" among other smaller South Pacific states.

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Profile of a Pacific troublespot

● **Population:** 714,000 (330,000 (46.2 per cent) indigenous Melanesian Fijians, 347,000 (48.6 per cent) ethnic Indians and 37,000 (5.2 per cent) other races.

● **Area:** Made up of more than 300 islands and atolls covering 7,095 square miles in the south-west Pacific.

● **Capital:** Suva.

● **Economy:** GDP at end-1985 was estimated at F$1.18 billion (£637 million). 1986 estimate F$1.16 billion. Per capita GDP at end-1985 F$1,684.

● **Main industries:** Sugar, coconut, cocoa, copper, fish, pine timber, tourism, fish and garments.

● **History:** First sighted by a Dutch expedition led by Abel Tasman in 1643. Declared a British colony on October 10, 1874. Achieved independence from Britain on October 10, 1970.

● **Government:** Fiji has a two-chamber Parliament — the House of Representatives and the Senate. The head of state is the Queen, who is represented by a Governor-General. It is a member of the Commonwealth.

● **Armed forces:** The Royal Fiji Military Forces consist of 2,670 men. The Army is made up of one regular battalion and two para-military battalions and numbers 2,500 men. The Navy has 170 men and three small patrol boats.

● **Foreign relations:** The coalition Government pledged a non-aligned foreign policy and said it would ban all nuclear-powered warships to help make the South Pacific a nuclear-free zone. Under the previous Alliance Party Government, Fiji was known for its pro-Western stance. Fiji also plays a leading role in regional organizations. It retains strong traditional ties with Britain

Hawke and Lange watch and wait

From A Correspondent, Wellington

The Governments of Australia and New Zealand have condemned yesterday's coup d'état in Fiji — the first in any South Pacific country — but have given no indication of a possible military intervention.

Mr David Lange, the New Zealand Prime Minister, conferred at least three times by telephone with Mr Bob Hawke, his Australian counterpart. However, last night the two had agreed only to keep each other informed of developments and to continue monitoring the situation closely.

In Canberra, Mr Hawke told the federal Parliament his Government had been deeply distressed and disturbed to learn of the coup.

It was obvious not all the facts had yet emerged, he said. "In particular, we do not yet know whether the armed forces takeover is supported by all of the armed forces."

Australian naval vessels on a routine visit to Fiji had been told by Canberra to stay clear of events surrounding the coup.

Both Mr Hawke and Mr Lange have instructed their diplomatic representatives in Suva not to attend a meeting of diplomatic heads of mission, called by the instigators of the coup.

Mr Lange told the New Zealand Parliament that his Government deplored the military takeover in Fiji.

He said there was no question of New Zealand going "unsolicited" into Fiji militarily. However, the Government would consider its position if there was a call for help from a legitimate administration.

"The solution to the problem lies not in military intervention — of that I am sure."

Mr Lange dismissed suggestions that a foreign power could be behind the coup. He described the situation leading up to it as "exquisitely and, unfortunately, excruciatingly Fijian".

● **DELHI:** The Indian Government yesterday expressed distress at the army coup in Fiji which toppled the Indian-majority Government and urged a speedy return to parliamentary government (Reuter reports).

The Press Trust of India quoted Mr T. P. Sreenivasan, the Indian High Commissioner in Suva, as saying: "It is my hope and trust that lives and property of Indian nationals will be safe."

Setback to Alfonsín trial move

From Eduardo Cué
Buenos Aires

The Argentine Congress yesterday began examining a proposed law that would halt most human rights trials against military officers, after the Chamber of Deputies refused to consider the legislation on an emergency basis.

The 132 to 77 vote in the Lower House on Wednesday against an immediate vote on the issue came as a surprise to the Government, which could not come up with the two-thirds majority necessary for a Bill to be considered without prior study by congressional committees. Approval of the legislation is now expected in two or three days.

The law proposed by President Alfonsín presumes that all officers below the rank of colonel acted under orders.

"I know that through this law the authors of extremely serious actions may remain free, and I don't like it," President Alfonsín said. "But it is also true that the legal responsibility for human rights violations falls primarily on those who conceived the plan and ordered that it be carried out."

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From Diana Geddes
Paris

Unesco's 50-member board began its spring meeting in Paris this week with the critical question of the organization's next director-general, although not on the agenda, overshadowing the five-week session.

Dr Amadou M'Bow, a former Education Minister of Senegal, announced last October that he would not be seeking a third six-year term as director-general, but it is thought that he still might stand if the 159 member states fail to agree on a successor.

Many believe that he is already working to be re-adopted.

Eight official candidates have so far been declared, including four from Asia, two from the Eastern Bloc, one from Latin America, and one from the Western group of countries. There is no official candidate so far from Africa.

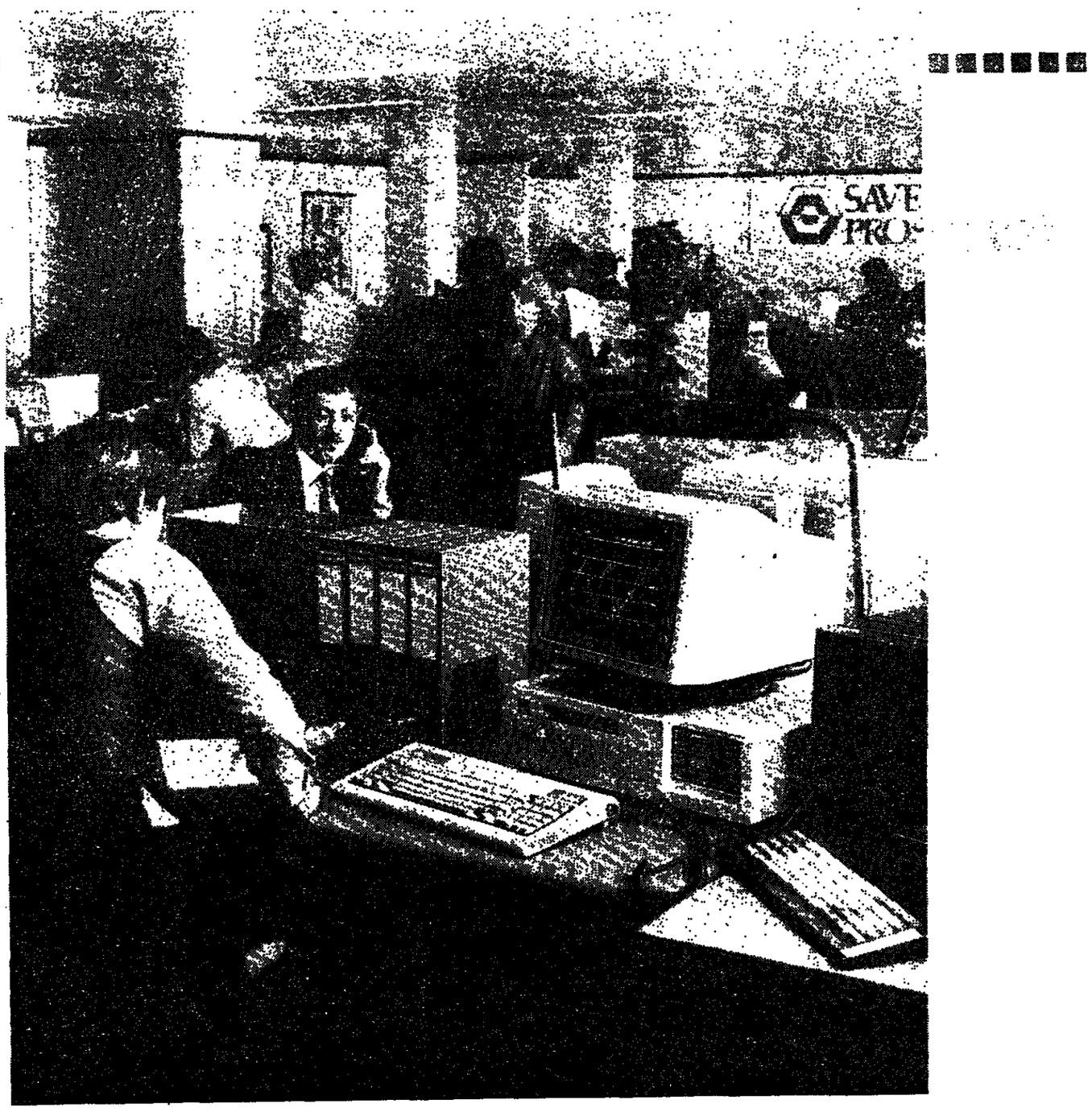
Mr Doudou Diène, Mr M'Bow's spokesman, said this week that the list of official candidates would be circulated "in confidence" to member states by June 1, in time for the autumn board session to select a name for formal election by the full Unesco general conference on November 14.

However, Mr Diène made it clear that member states will be able to put forward names until the last minute.

The future of the troubled organization depends on the calibre of the man or woman chosen as a successor to the widely discredited Mr M'Bow.

The US departure from Unesco in 1984, followed by Britain's a year later, deprived the organization of 30 per cent of its income, provoking a financial crisis.

Deep cuts were made in Unesco's programmes and nearly 800 administrative posts were shed. The organization is nevertheless still facing a $39 million (£22 million) deficit.



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Beaten Malta premier has heart attack as new Cabinet is sworn in

From Austin Sammut, Valletta

Dr Carmelo Mifsud Bonnici, the outgoing Maltese Prime Minister, was in a hospital intensive therapy unit yesterday after suffering a serious heart attack at the Malta Labour Party (MLP) headquarters on Wednesday evening. Family sources said his condition was at times critical.

Dr Mifsud Bonnici will be out of action for some time, and it is doubtful if his health will allow him to continue as opposition and party leader.

The same sources attributed his illness to a violent row between different factions of the MLP at a party executive conference and parliamentary group meeting.

Unconfirmed reports said that Dr Mifsud Bonnici and his predecessor, Mr Dom Mintoff, were severely criticized by senior party members, and notably the former Minister of Works, Mr Lorry Sant.

They were blamed for Saturday's electoral defeat, which gave the Nationalist Party (PN) a majority of parliamentary seats only by virtue of a constitutional amendment engineered by Mr Mintoff, backed by Dr Mifsud Bonnici, and passed by the House of Representatives in January. Without this amendment, the MLP would have retained the Government, even though the PN obtained an absolute majority of the popular vote.

The Labour leader's situation creates a serious problem for his party. The filling of the void which he may leave could lead to serious strife and even a split within its ranks.

There is speculation that Mr Mintoff, who literally bequeathed his power to Dr Mifsud Bonnici in December 1984, might try to step back into the leadership.

Meanwhile, the new Prime Minister, Dr Eddie Fenech Adami, has announced his Cabinet, which consists of a record 18 ministers and junior ministers, as well as unusual portfolios which are a marked departure from the traditional nomenclatures.

The PN deputy leader, Dr Guido De Marco, is Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of the Interior and Justice. Other appointments include: **Foreign Affairs** Dr Vincent Tabone; **Education** Dr Ugo Mifsud Bonnici; **Social Policy** Dr Luis Galea; **Finance** Dr George Bonello Du Puis; **Development of the Infrastructure** Mr Michael Falzon; **Productive Development** Mr Lawrence Gatt; **Development of the Terciary Sector** Dr Emanuel Bonnici; **Gozo** Mr Anton Tabone.

Dr Fenech Adami: Record number of ministers.

The official results of last Saturday's general elections gave the Nationalists an absolute majority of 50.9 per cent of the votes with a bare margin of 4,700 votes more than the MPL.

The MPL still managed to obtain 34 of the 65 parliamentary seats. However, under the mechanism established by last January's constitutional amendments, the PN was allotted four extra seats to give it a majority of 35 to 34 in the House of Representatives.

The percentage of votes obtained by the respective political parties on a national level are: MLP 48.87 per cent; PN 50.91 per cent; others 0.21 per cent.

The 1981 general elections figures were: MLP 49.07 per cent; PN 50.92 per cent; others 0.01 per cent.

Petrol bombs in Seoul student riots

Students at Korea University in Seoul hurling petrol bombs at riot police yesterday during an anti-government protest. Students battled with riot police at at least four leading universities in Seoul as protests continued for a fourth day against President Chun's Government (AP reports).

About 2,000 students throwing rocks and petrol bombs tried to march out of Korea University, but were driven back repeatedly by tear gas and police charges. Students used torches to set an armoured police car on fire.

Clashes were also reported at universities in several provincial cities, including Chonnam University in the southern city of Kwangju, where students set up barricades and fought riot police who stormed the campus to rescue an officer seized earlier. Protests have flared because of the anniversary on Monday of a 1980 anti-government uprising in Kwangju in which scores of people died. The Opposition also is demanding that Mr Chun agree to direct presidential elections.

Philippines protest fuelled by delays

Manila — Thousands of right-wingers staged a protest march yesterday at the site of last year's February revolt, demanding fresh elections and an end to the "new dictatorship" (David Watts writes).

Police sealed off nearly two miles of the four-lane highway in front of Manila's two main military camps, where hundreds of thousands of Filipinos massed in revolt against President Marcos.

The radio station loyal to the deposed president called on soldiers to join the crowd of several thousand demonstrators, led by the former Defence Minister, Mr Juan Ponce Enrile, in protest against alleged fraudulent elections.

Mr Enrile appears to be staking out a position to erode President Aquino's public popularity. His low standing in the senatorial vote at present rules out a legitimate path to power.

The slow start by the Commission on Elections on checking returns has fuelled opposition accusations of cheating. The count started yesterday, and is expected to take at least a week.

World Court

The Hague (AP) — Judge Keba Mbaye of Senegal, an internationally known legal authority on human rights, has been elected Vice-President of the World Court.

Gunman shot

Varese (AP) — Guiseppe Cusumano, aged 23, sought for killing his estranged wife's mother and and her grandparents, was seriously wounded and arrested yesterday in a shootout with Italian police at a road-block south of here.

Iran break

Cairo (Reuter) — Egypt officially announced it was closing the Iranian interests section in Cairo, expelling the resident Iranian diplomat and recalling its sole diplomat from Tehran.

Tycoon dies

Taipei (AFP) — Mr Tsai Chen-chou, jailed head of the collapsed Cathay Plastics conglomerate, died in hospital of complications caused by liver cancer.

Sihanouk steps down for a year to seek peace talks with Hanoi

From Neil Kelly, Bangkok

Prince Norodom Sihanouk, leader of Cambodia's anti-Vietnam resistance, has stepped aside temporarily to make a private approach to the Vietnamese Government to end the war which has been going on in his country for eight-and-a-half years, according to diplomats and resistance officials in Thailand.

They say he feels he cannot make such an approach, which would also involve contacts with the government Vietnam installed in Cambodia, except in an unofficial capacity because of opposition by sections of his resistance coalition and by China and the Association of South-East Asian Nations.

His announcement in Pyongyang yesterday that he was giving up the leadership for one year because of attacks on his soldiers by Khmer Rouge guerrillas in western Cambodia came as a surprise even to his son, Prince Ranariddh, who commands the Sihanouk forces on the Thai border.

The Prince said he would prolong his leave of absence year by year until the Khmer Rouge killings stopped. He said their killing of two of his soldiers two weeks ago was only the latest of many attacks.

In the most bitter comment he has made on the Khmer Rouge since he formed a coalition with them, he referred to "the deadly violation of human rights" among civilian refugees in Thailand by what he called the "SS of the Khmer Rouge who have stayed loyal to the super-Hitlerian, super-Stalinist methods of Mr Pol Pot".

Pol Pot, the former Khmer Rouge leader who is still thought to hold the real power, is blamed for the deaths of large numbers of Cambodians, including several children and other close relatives of Prince Sihanouk.

Delhi High Commission controversy

British 'black hole' angers Indians

From Michael Hamlyn
Delhi

The temperature outside was 89 degrees Fahrenheit, about 20 degrees less than it might normally be at this time of year, but Delhi is having an unusually mild summer. Inside the waiting room at the British High Commission, however, the temperature was nearly at boiling point.

A long, thin shack, newly-built, 40 ft by 15 ft, contained around 200 people, some confused, some resigned, many angry, all waiting for permission to visit Britain.

A harassed Indian clerk called out names. From time to time he argued with individuals crowded at his window. In the morning he had faced a queue which went the length of the building, and out of the door, as many people sat on benches waiting.

Three air conditioners (one more has been recently installed) failed to cope with the weather plus the combined body heat of the people waiting. The air became warm enough to stir, and the room began to justify the title "the Black Hole of Calcutta" which a letter to *The Times* (Letters May 14) gave it.

"Is there no way this can be made more efficient?" asked one businessman crossly. "Look, there is only one window operating, why can't they use two windows?"

"Don't they give any special consideration to people who are members of the Commonwealth Society?" he asked.

When they hand in their passport, application form and money, a visa official tells them whether they will need an interview or not. If an interview is necessary they will have to wait some more.

"I have been waiting here all day," said one young father. "You can't keep your baby here for so long in the heat and the dirt of this place. And there is nothing to eat here. There is nowhere to get a bite. At least in the American Embassy there is a trolley that comes round and you can get something in the middle of the day."

The High Commission officials themselves explain that they are doing their best to meet the rush as efficiently as possible. They have tripled the number of entry clearance officers brought out from Britain to 15. Between them last week they issued 1,531 non-settlement visas.

"You can't keep your baby here long in the heat and dirt"

The waiting-room space is to be doubled shortly with another room being built. "I want it built before the monsoon comes," said an official.

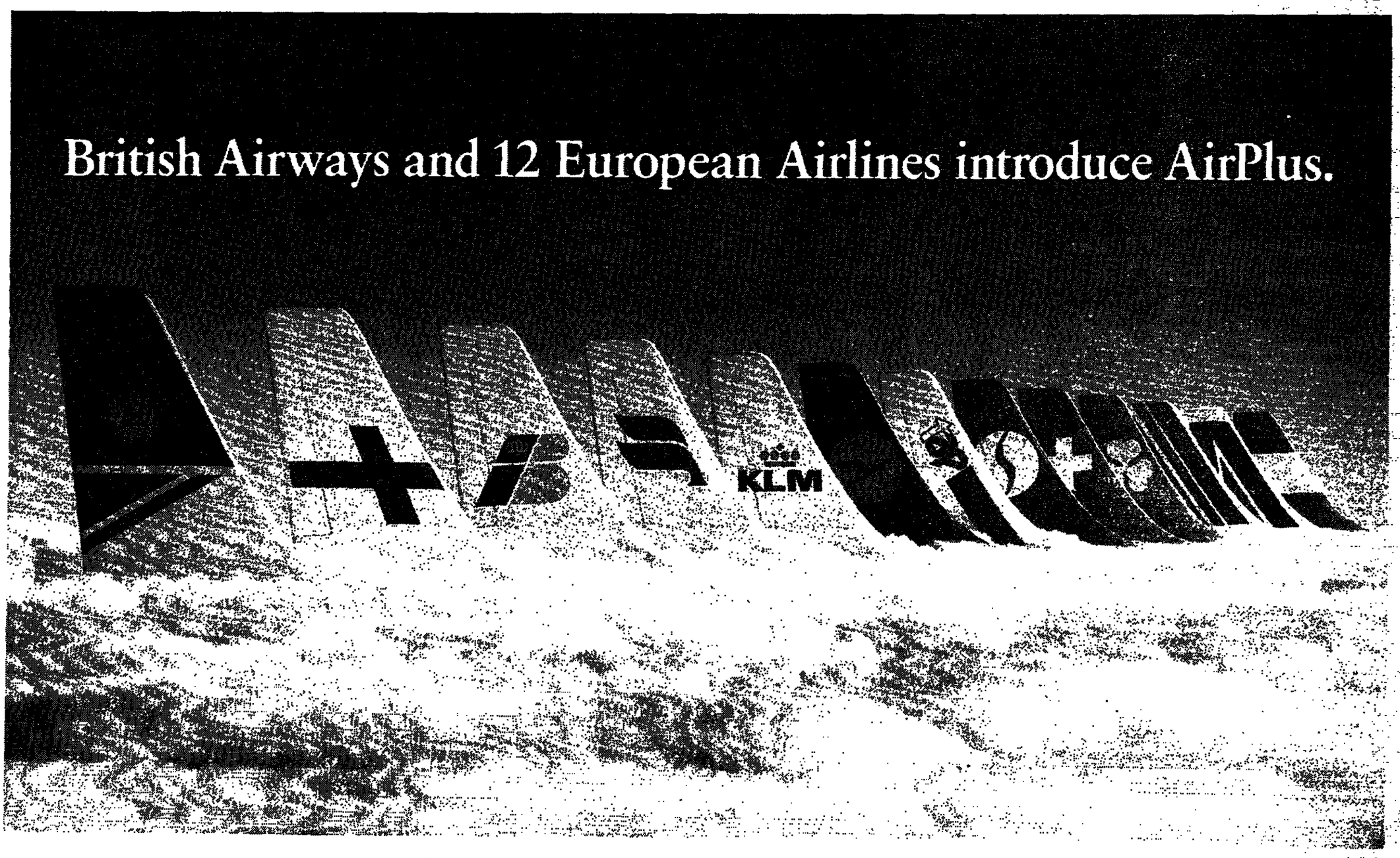
But, in the meantime, why not open another window?

"We need the second window for people making a general inquiry," he said. He pointed out that there is also a separate window for travel agents to use, or for those people who wish to send their driver or secretary to deposit their visa applications.

Officials were angry at accusations made in *The Times* letter that they behaved like relics of the British Raj. "We always insist, that all people are entitled to politeness," a senior officer said. "And a very serious view is taken when any officer is found to be less than courteous."

Though there were many complaints about the inefficiency of the system yesterday, there were no complaints of discourtesy.

And to be perfectly fair, it should also be pointed out that a visa regime which was imposed on British citizens by the Indian Government in 1984, with virtually no notice, caused a good deal of unpleasantness to Britons wishing to travel to Delhi.



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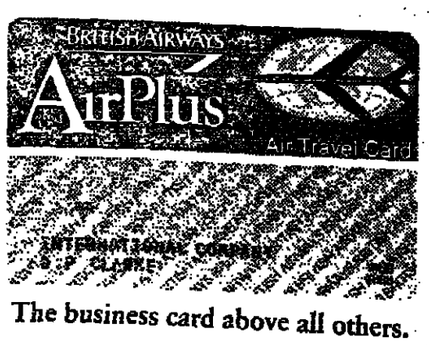

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A simply killing time

This weekend Jane Moyle may arrange a murder — or take a sales force over a commando course. Victoria McKee on a most peculiar business

Jane Moyle's customers don't want to hear about Saxon ditches; they are much more interested in seeing Lord N's rude photographs, she says disarmingly. She finds nothing incongruous in the idea of 110 impeccably dressed "Rolls-Royce wives" drinking in a peer's erotica with their stately tea and scones.

An intriguing mixture of gentility and self-promotion, Mrs Moyle maintains that her customers are "just average British housewives like me. All they want is a nice, lively day out — not a Westminster Abbey guide or a high fallutin' grand tour."

But when blue-chip companies like ICI or Unilever or top fashion names like Laura Ashley and Estée Lauder want to devise something different for their jaded executives, they also call on Jane Moyle. Her Heart of England Country Tours and its subsequent additions, West of England Country Tours and Moyle's Motivational Marketing (masterminded by her son Charles), now handles a large proportion of the conference business in Britain.

She employs 12 full-time guides — all clones of herself, she insists, and under orders to wear lipstick at all times — and runs murder weekends, commando courses, luxury tours and parties for hundreds.

"This is a big European account with over a quarter of a million to spend on staff motivation," she announces of an incoming phone call from Charles, apparently in London clinching the deal.

"Charles is planning some very ambitious things for them, including recreating a fairground in a supertanker," his mother enthuses. "It's going to be worth a small fortune to yours truly!"

Plans for an as yet unsuspecting Swedish paper company include the Murder in the Grand Manor weekend (£269 per person plus VAT); a wild party in the Wookey Holes similar to the one which thrilled the Laura Ashley crowd last year ("they adored all the old penny fairground games we had — but then they were pretty tanked up at the time," Mrs Moyle recalls); an SAS-type commando course, and shooting with crossbows, longbows and Smith & Wesson revolvers.

"I'd love to drive a tank — wouldn't you?" Mrs Moyle demands suddenly and with fervour. "But I never get the chance; someone else always wants a turn."

Her military-minded son has turned his hand to developing incentive courses for companies wishing to test the mettle of their management recruits. "He knows the most marvellous chap who produces splendid pyrotechnics with dry ice, fireworks, sound effects — the lot," she says. "We can even provide a trained psychologist if the companies wish, to assess leadership qualities. It's amazing how competitive they become — the bosses love it!"

Mike Pollard

Jane Moyle — dramatic packages: "I'd love to drive a tank — wouldn't you?"

It was Charles who found the gypsy caravan that now plays such a vital role in the murder weekends. "The lady who plays the gypsy is actually a squirene of the county," Mrs Moyle says, "and after seeing nothing but good, of course, in the guests' hands she takes one of the actors' and says, 'I see nothing but blood, blood, blood!' And then, her own idea entirely, she unhitches her horse from the caravan and gallops off across her valley, scattering sheep as she goes. It's extremely effective."

A company director recently gave his wife a murder weekend at more than £7,200 for her fiftieth birthday present. For those who are feeling less expensively homicidal, a single evening's murder cabaret with audience participation is about £950 plus VAT, refreshments and room-hire charges extra. Estée Lauder's London staff enjoyed one as their Christmas party.

But although Mrs Moyle has fun developing her special dramatic packages, which she manages herself, the Cotswold tours, including teas in manor houses with the lord and lady, are still her bread and butter.

She started off simply taking tourists for day trips around the Midlands in her own car at £35 a day. Her four children were growing up and she had time to spare. Local hoteliers were delighted at the way she took guests off their hands, and word got round.

She used to bring her clients into her own not-so-humble 17th-century farmhouse for tea, but these days, "with names like Jane and Peter Cadbury in their beautiful manor house just down the road, why bother? One has to think of what will appeal to the guests."

She is still not above "spotting a super house and going along to chat the owners up", since the essence of her success, as she sees it, is being able to bring people into stately homes to mix on a personal basis with those who were to the manor born.

The Guernseys at Packington Hall who are such marvellous party-givers, the Cobhams at Hagley Hall and the Hertfords at Ragley — all form part of Mrs Moyle's impressive network of hosts. They give dinner parties and receptions at her bidding.

To someone who says sweetly that all she ever wanted out of life was a nice home, it gives great pleasure to have scores of the finest at her command. For a girl who left Edgbaston Church of England College with only four O levels she has not done badly, she thinks. Having a wealthy husband, she is the first to agree, has not been a drawback.

Ask about her precise profits and Jane Moyle becomes uncharacteristically coy. "Let's just say it's six figures and going up. We're coming along very nicely, thank you. And there are some amazing new things on the horizon!" In July she plans to begin P.G. Wodehouse tours of Worcestershire, for which Lord Ashcombe, of Sudeley Castle, has been persuaded to play Lord Emsworth of Blandings — complete with pig.

But she insists she won't take parties to any National Trust member. "They won't open privately and my people won't go with the hoi polloi. I said to the director general, 'Do you know that if it wasn't for people like me these houses wouldn't be here in 200 years? I could do so much for your properties — *sons et lumieres*, gourmet dinners, garden parties, the lot'.

"And do you know what he said? 'You could have the tea rooms.' I mean, really!"

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Neighbours in law

BARBARA AMIEL

The way I found out about Neighbourhood Watch was when the chap in the flat upstairs telephoned to tell me that I should wash my hair for the first meeting. "It's a good place to make new friends," he said. "I've washed mine." He left for the meeting by himself, so that he would clearly be a spare man.

The first get-together was held at the St John Ambulance house just down the street, and it was packed full of people with washed hair. Apparently, our section of central Londonsees the threat of crime the way Islington does the bomb, as a responsible opportunity to find new partners.

A film was shown all about crime prevention and when the lights went on the policeman in charge, who explained that he was really our Crime Prevention Officer, told us that our street had been burgled twice in the last month. A flush of excitement went around the room as we came to terms with the fact that ours was a crime zone.

After that the group got down to business. An elderly woman who had been burgled pointed out in impeccable diphthongs that the entire problem of crime was related to whistles.

"If we could all be given whistles by the police," she explained, "this sort of thing wouldn't happen." The Crime Prevention Officer noted the suggestion. A great deal of attention was then paid to the question of alarm systems on our street, which have a habit of going off at weekends and being left unattended until Monday, ringing away all the time.

"Couldn't we arrest people for going away and letting their alarms ring?" asked a number of residents. The policeman explained that this was not a crime. Moreover, he continued, the police were not allowed to go and turn alarms off. This didn't cut much ice with older residents who had honed their skills over years of power cuts, shortages and the Blitz.

"If you take a stick," explained one agile woman in her late sixties to the assembled crime busters, "and knock away, you can break them." General nodding greeted this bit of wisdom.

The essential elements of Neighbourhood Watch were explained to us. The police would help us mark our property, so that it could be identified if stolen. They would look at our locks, bolts and bars. Most important, we would all keep an eye on the street and help one another; call up the police if we saw suspicious people; be aware of the opportunities scaffolding creates for burglary.

The heart of the problem for most of us was that we had absolutely no way of identifying a suspicious person. I have lived on the street for several years and I didn't recognize a soul at the meeting, except my friend from upstairs who by now was very much taken with the two extremely attractive policewomen introduced to us as further members of "our crime prevention team"; they got a warm round of applause. The old houses on our street are constantly being propped up with new coats of paint and bits of plaster, and workmen in spattered white overalls are indistinguishable from burglars in white overalls. One woman at the meeting explained that she had been keeping an eye on the street and only the week before she had reported a loitering stranger to the police. The chap had forthwith been questioned by an alert patrolman, and it had taken him some time to establish that he had locked himself out of his flat with no keys or identification.

I have lived on the street for several years and I didn't recognize a soul except my friend from upstairs

At the end of the meeting, I signed up. Three weeks later, my husband and I found ourselves locked out of our flat. My husband climbed up on to the window sill and, balancing precariously in the shadows, lowered himself through the front windows. Not a curtain moved on the street.

My own view is that this sort of programme is very comforting, but the minute it has to be organized by the government through the police, it is pointless. For Neighbourhood Watch to work, it must be spontaneous. A sense of neighbourhood can't be infused — it is either there or it isn't. The minute you have to sponsor neighbourliness, it is a certainty that it doesn't exist; and the money and effort would be better spent on developing the electronics necessary to prevent alarm systems going off when the burglars aren't there, and not ringing when they are.

Nor do I think we can put the onus on the police for this sort of crime prevention. I tried calling my Crime Prevention Officer all day yesterday and only got his pleasant voice on a recording machine. I can't blame the police for wanting to spend their time on more important things than chatting to me about marking my silver or looking at my mortice bolts.

Of course, I can't help reflecting that we live in a time of pretty low crime rates anyway. Crime seems to go in cycles, and the last real spurts were in the early decades of the 19th century, followed by lowering rates until the mid-20th century and then a spurt upwards through the 1970s. There is some evidence (Chaiken & Chaiken, 1983 and Farrington and Dowds, 1984) that our crime rates have flattened out and may be declining again. This isn't much comfort for people living in the urban war zone, I know, but it should be noted as the tabloids go on about the crime explosion.

Meanwhile, I am very grateful to my Neighbourhood Watch liaison officer, who just sent me a note advising of the "Forthcoming distribution of telephone books". He urges all members to remove from view any unattended books to "minimize the risk of burglary". I have been trying unsuccessfully for 18 months to get telephone directories from British Telecom. Now I shall have to sit at my window waiting for the books before hordes of eager neighbours seize the damn things and take them into the safety of their homes for my own good. The Neighbourly State is a marvellous thing.

Parent imperfect

The notion that parents may need to be trained for their role is gaining ground — with both sexes

Three years ago Steve Goode from Tower Hamlets, east London, went to an evening meeting for fathers with his three-month-old daughter Roisin, and was not impressed. Run by Exploring Parenthood (EP), Goode thought it was "typical of things run for men by women.

"The issues being addressed — how do you spend more time with your children and how not to feel guilty — didn't apply to me. I had decided with my wife [a doctor who works 80 hours a week] to spend part of my time looking after the children. The question that interests me is, what *is* being a father? It conjures up the image either of a traditional disciplinarian or of a mother substitute."

But Goode was sufficiently interested to go to more of EP's workshops — "talking about parenting is fascinating and I like EP's concepts — do your best, you can be a 'good enough' parent, instead of being a 'perfect' parent" — and now, as part of his plans to run a community nursery, he is going on an EP training course to improve his skills in working with parents.

In contrast Brian Humphreys, a chartered accountant from north London, wants to set up a parents' self-help group among his religious community, a Reform synagogue in Finchley. He is married, with two daughters aged 21 and 19. Three years ago he too went to his first EP session, on "living with teenagers", and came away "comforted and feeling I hadn't done anything awful; teenage reactions tend to happen. I feel there is a great deal of work to be done in the whole area of parenting." He envisages holding an initial meeting using EP help and hopes to run a self-supporting programme with occasional outside help.

EP was founded in 1982 by Ruth Schmidt, a child psychotherapist, and Carolyn Douglas, a family therapist, who had worked together for many years in the Paddington Centre for Psychotherapy's Department for Children and Parents. Many parents, they found, would have welcomed the opportunity to discuss behavioural patterns with professionals before a crisis occurred.

Since EP's foundation in 1982, its team of 20 have held 200 sessions for more than 2,000 parents, and this Sunday they start their summer programme in London. The workshops are informal gatherings where parents, doctors, child and family therapists and psychologists explore the challenges of being a parent. The groups visited and topics discussed vary enormously: in Belfast, parents explored how to cope with adolescents who risk being shot in confrontations with the police, and some lively discussions have been held with Wormwood Scrubs prisoners on how far you should discipline children.

"We had hoped that people would set up their own groups," Schmidt says. "However, although self-help groups are popular, it is surprisingly difficult to get one off the ground — and many founder. It became apparent that people needed a bridge between self-help and professional expertise." So the national training courses were born, to help parents set up local self-help groups.

Mary Jane Naylor is also going on a training course. A 33-year-old single parent who runs an 85-strong playgroup in Leicestershire, Naylor says she wants to extend the playgroup's family support service. "One of the parents' biggest problems is loneliness. I found that after dropping their children many parents stood outside to chat."

The playgroup now has a drop-in room where parents can talk, but Naylor frequently finds herself out of her depth, not having the experience or knowledge to provide the particular support that is needed. She knows she is an organizer and a bit pushy, and wants to learn how to sit back and persuade others to organize themselves. She also hopes to acquire the skills necessary to attract parents who most need a group's support — the very parents least likely to come.

Peta Levi

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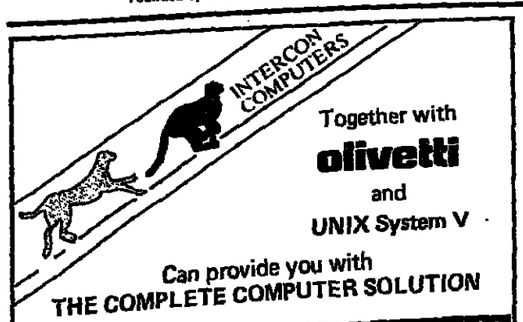

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TALKBACK

From: Dr Michael Glynn, The London Hospital, London E1

Victoria McKee's article (Health Page, May 7) was titled "Why can't the experts agree on Aids?". But I think that many of your readers will have been impressed by the remarkable agreement between the five experts indicated in the table. If a similar group had been selected to answer questions regarding such medical topics as the risk of heart disease, cancer, alcohol abuse, or other vital issues such as the safety of nuclear waste or acid rain, it is extremely unlikely that anything like the same degree of consistency would have been achieved.

The title of your article will have conveyed the impression, to those readers who did not study the expert's answers in detail, that the Government's advice about Aids is inconsistent and unimportant. This is most unfortunate since if people were to concentrate on avoiding the known risks, rather than arguing about theoretical and certainly minuscule ones, this country would have a better chance of defeating the Aids epidemic, the greatest potential danger to public health this century.

From: Mrs P A Hammond, Witley Avenue, Solihull, Birmingham

Victoria McKee's article illustrates the rather worrying proprietory attitude which is creeping into the Aids debate. "Experts" seem to be defending opinions very loosely based on research.

How, for instance, can anyone be sure which of the activities leading up to and during the act of sex is responsible for the vital exchange of infected bodily fluids? How can we believe that the Aids virus is fragile when it survives the complexities of factor 8 production (which involves freeze drying to a powder and long refrigerated storage)? American research has postulated a life of 15 days in aqueous solution. How can we believe that an Aids victim's face-flannel, smeared with blood after shaving, is less risky than a blood-stained toothbrush?

It is obvious, too, that although at present the danger of infection from blood donations is small, given 70,000 estimated carriers and the late appearance of marker antibodies it is inevitable that a significant number will be infected with Aids through this medium.

It is difficult to dismiss the suspicion that issues are being fudged.

Many of us remember the deliberations of the experts in 1980/81 when Aids was first described, and it seems that the objectivity lacking then is still in short supply.

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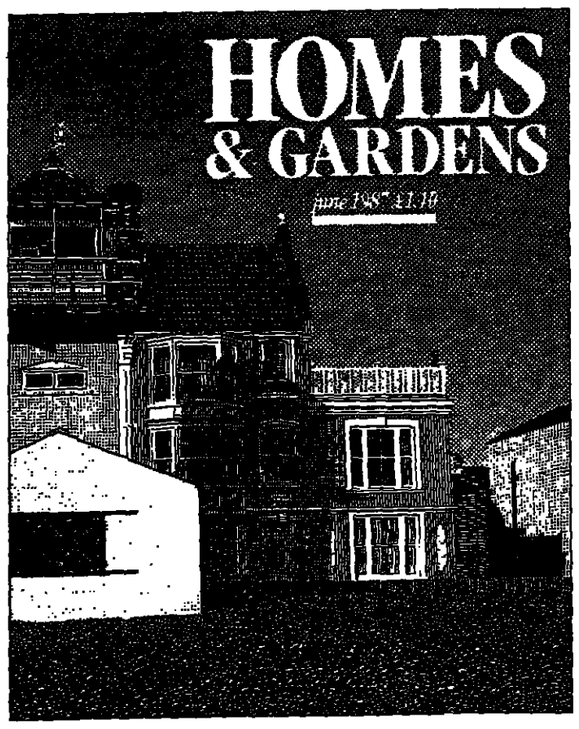

The vision and reality of Susan Hill's Aldeburgh

SUMMER ELEGANCE: INDOORS AND OUT

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June HOMES & GARDENS *Out now*

Gardens worth a mint

A green and pleasant corner of Chelsea will again become a seething mass of blooms, tents and people next week as the 66th flower show takes root. William Greaves met the man in charge

To the untrained eye, the grounds of London's Royal Hospital comprise two football pitches, four tennis courts and several acres of regimental grassland. But the small detachment of workmen, guided by maps and memory, knew exactly what they were looking for.

They went down, occasionally, carefully rolled back a turf or two and plunged practised arms deep into the ground. And within hours they had conjured to the surface a bewildering network of electrical and telephone cables from their subterranean hideaway.

That was three weeks ago. Since then, larger armies from the Royal Horticultural Society and about 400 firms and organizations have set up shop with everything from the humblest pansy to bonsai trees worth several thousands of pounds each and an impressive £30,000 octagonal palm house that will create the world's most luxurious instant garden.

From the moment that the first paying customer at the 66th Chelsea Flower Show hands over his £14 admission money next Wednesday, until the close at 5pm on Friday, something like a quarter of a million visitors will have passed through the gates.

Although some 80,000 of these will use their membership of the RHS and affiliated horticultural associations to get in free, and others will take advantage of the reduced admission price of £6 after 4pm, the money collected at the turnstiles could amount to around £2 million in ready cash.

With virtually all the costs of staging the exhibition and producing the catalogue met by exhibitors and advertisers respectively, it is not hard to see why the flowers that bloom in the spring bring a joyous tra-la to those who watch over the Royal Horticultural Society's balance sheet.

To show manager Allan Sawyer, however, any suggestion that the show is seen as a nice little earner brings pained reproof. "It's quite true that the advertisers pay for the printing of the catalogue and that we sell them for £1.50 each, but with more than 100 pages full of information they are well worth the price," he says.

Allan Sawyer: "Visitors have less space than they deserve for the money"

And although more than 200 open-air exhibitors pay anything between £500 and £5,000 for their pitch, Sawyer is quick to point out that those in the giant three-and-a-half-acre marquee pay nothing and that the revenue does not *fully* offset the overheads.

"In the first place," he says, "we don't collect £2 million because a lot of people in the London area know that the price goes down at 4pm and that they've still got another four hours after that in which to have a good look round.

"You must also remember that the RHS is an educational charity which gets no government support, and that we have to fund 12 other shows throughout the year at our Vincent Square (Pimlico) headquarters.

"Then there is the fact that the Royal Hospital is not normally an exhibition centre so, despite paying a large rental, we get none of the facilities which would be provided automatically at places like Olympia or Earls Court."

Over the years the RHS has had to pay for massive drainage schemes to cope with lavatories and the rain water spillage from the giant marquee, as well as building roads. It is now faced with the sobering prospect of having to do this all over again if it finds a suitable larger site in London to cope with the show's expansion.

"Our visitors have less space than they deserve for the money and we have to turn away at least 15 per cent of the exhibitors who would like to participate," Sawyer says.

The responsibility of looking after the world's most famous flower show does not seem to rest too heavily on Sawyer's shoulders, however. At 41, this is his 13th Chelsea show, having taken over from the legendary Ron Sargent, who ran the previous 40.

Sawyer graciously acknowledges that there are some financial advantages in the show's international prestige. Exhibitors who have come to expect free lorry parking, free paving stones and even free peat when showing abroad, foot all these bills themselves "with surprising willingness" at Chelsea.

And with the bank holiday following close on the heels of the show, many of the Chelsea visitors, fired by a new-found enthusiasm, traditionally use the break to clear the shelves and beds of their nearest garden centre.

"Our own gardens at Wisley always enjoy a particularly profitable weekend," says Sawyer, smiling.

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A damper on rain by plane

Man's efforts to control rainfall have mainly been a washout and the latest attempts by the Chinese look destined for the same fate

In the latest attempt by man to alter the weather, Chinese fire-fighters were reported to be preparing aircraft to "seed" rainclouds this week. The aim was to create heavy rainfall which would put out a huge forest fire that has killed more than 170 people.

For thousands of years we have tried prayer, incantation and ritual to control the weather, *with little apparent* success. Since the late 1940s, however, there have been serious scientific proposals for weather modification, after the discovery that tiny crystals of either dry ice or silver iodide could alter radically the properties of clouds.

It was argued that by seeding clouds with these crystals, more rainfall could be produced in arid areas, and *that the same process* could reduce the damage caused by severe storms and hurricanes.

Seeding experiments soon followed, as did the controversy created by them. Some early work appeared to show dramatic growth in seeded clouds and increased rainfall. But when, in 1947, a hurricane over the United States was seeded and promptly altered course, slamming into Savannah, Georgia, the dangers of tampering with the weather became apparent.

In the 1950s, thriving commercial operations were set up in several parts of the world to provide local agriculture with increased rainfall during droughts. Objections to these activities fell into two categories. On one hand it was argued that we should not meddle with complex systems we did not understand, and on the other that there was little statistical evidence to prove that the seeding worked.

Throughout the 1960s and early 70s, pressure grew for more rigorous statistical tests to be conducted on seeding work. These demands were fuelled by the bad press that weather modification received *in the early 1970s. The flash* flood in Rapid City, South Dakota, which killed more than 200 people in 1972, was linked with local seeding activities, while suspicion of American efforts to flood parts of Vietnam in order to impede the movement of the Vietcong led to Senate hearings.

During the 1970s a number of experiments were conducted, backed by rigorous statistical checks. The results were a disappointment to the weather modification enthusiasts. Only one experiment in the past few years seems to have had any real success. This was to increase winter rainfall in the catchment area of the Sea of Galilee. It *produced* an increase in precipitation of 18 per cent on days when clouds were seeded. Moreover, this increase did not appear to have been counterbalanced by a drop in rainfall in adjacent regions. Generally, however, nearly 40 years' work has produced few worthwhile benefits in terms of increased rainfall.

Whether the Chinese will be more successful is doubtful, but it will be virtually impossible to prove that any emergency action actually causes the rainfall.

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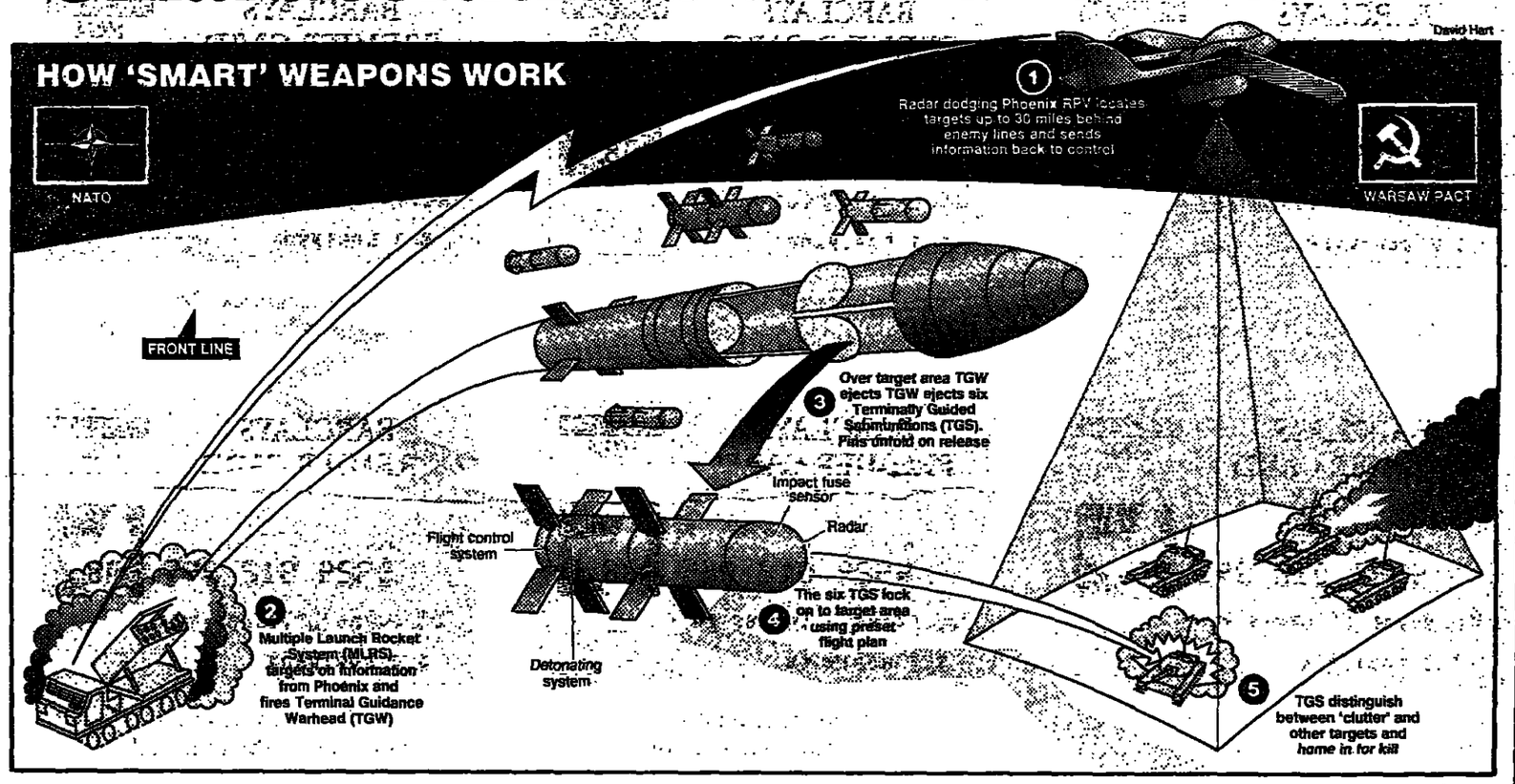
Smart solutions to World War III



Will the scaling down of nuclear forces leave Europe at the mercy of the Warsaw Pact's mighty armies? Or can the new 'thinking' missiles maintain peace on the Western front?

A missile that can think for itself, analyse target possibilities, seek them out amid the battlefield clutter and then home in and destroy them is the sort of weapon that military men have been dreaming of for decades.

Today, intelligent weapon systems are no longer on the drawing boards. They have entered the arena as the stars of a new concept in Nato battlefield strategy aimed at countering the huge conventional forces of the Warsaw Pact countries, without having to resort to nuclear weapons.

The USSR has nearly 900,000 scientists and engineers advancing military technologies, plus a further 20,000 agents from the KGB and the military espionage service, the GRU, who are being used to acquire Western technology through spying, theft and illegal deals.

To combat this, the United States and its Nato allies decided, at a meeting in Bonn in 1982, to work together on conventional weapon systems that would exploit the West's technological superiority.

Dependence on "dumb" weapons – bombs, shells and missiles that had to be launched at specific targets and which relied on the firing skills of the soldier or fighter pilot – was to be switched to "smart" weapons which could find their targets on their own. Launch crews would merely aim in the general direction of the targets – pinpointed by a surveillance drone, a remote-controlled aircraft close to the enemy – and "fire and forget".

Since that decision was taken, a whole range of collaborative European research and development programmes have been agreed. Some are already moving out of the laboratories and into initial production. If they work, and if the West can afford them, it could mean that the Warsaw Pact – which has always based its battle strategy on achieving rapid numerical superiority at selected points of contact – would be confronted by armies of smart weapons, capable of destroying Red Army tanks with deadly accuracy.

The weapon detects specific types and levels of heat and sound, as well as electronic signals such as radar, and analyses them with its own tiny computer. Recognizing the tank "signature", it then launches the missile towards its target.

Nato's concept of the conventional battlefield of the future centres on three major technologies: advanced sensors to locate enemy units, smart weapons to destroy them and an elaborate electronic command system to coordinate the battle.

In Britain, Thorn EMI Electronics is working on a Terminal Guidance Warhead (TGW) for the highly successful multinational, deep-strike, Multiple Launch Rocket System (MLRS). The MLRS, which has a range of nearly 19 miles, is already in service with the US army, armed with an unguided anti-tank warhead. It is also being purchased for the British army, although the smart version will not be available until the early 1990s.

Even now the Russians are working hard at counter-measures, such as camouflage and jamming

The TGW is launched by an inflated gas-bag system that forces it out under great pressure. Each warhead contains terminally-guided submunitions (TGS) with millimetre-wave radar seekers that independently locate armoured targets.

Every MLRS launcher has 12 rockets, each containing six submunitions. If the guidance system works, each launch could destroy 72 Soviet tanks.

The smart warheads will be programmed with the most up-to-date intelligence, including information supplied by Phoenix, a surveillance drone which will survey an area up to about 30 miles on the other side of the front line. Phoenix, which is being developed by GEC Avionics and Flight Refuelling, will have a limited "stealth" capability to evade and fool enemy radar.

High-altitude surveillance will be crucial for a smart-weapon tank battle. The Americans are developing a Joint Surveillance and Target Attack Radar System (JSTARS), which would send data to fighter aircraft as well as artillery and missile batteries on the ground.

In the US, the first generation of "smartish" weapons is already in service. On the ground, they are the Copperhead laser-guided artillery shell and the TOW anti-tank missile, which is steered to the target by electronic signals sent from the gunner's sight over a rapidly unreeling wire cable.

In the air, they include the 2,000lb Paveway 2 laser-guided bomb and the high-speed anti-radar air-to-surface missile, Harm, both of which were used in anger for the first time during the bombing raid on Libya in April last year.

A much smarter version of Harm, nicknamed "Son of Harm", is being developed in the US. Called Tacit Rainbow, it will lurk in mid-air and attack enemy surface-to-air missile sites when their radar is switched on.

The potential of smart weapons, however, has to be put into context. They are prohibitively expensive and even now the Russians are working hard at counter-measures, such as camouflage, electronic decoys and jamming systems. They are developing "radio frequency" (RF) weapons which could send electro-magnetic pulses to burn out silicon integrated circuits in the advanced weaponry. As one senior US officer commented: "For any smart solution, there's a smart counter."

Michael Evans

First Fleet

Dr Jonathan King's *The First Fleet: The convict voyage that settled Australia* (Spectrum, May 13) is published by Secker & Warburg.

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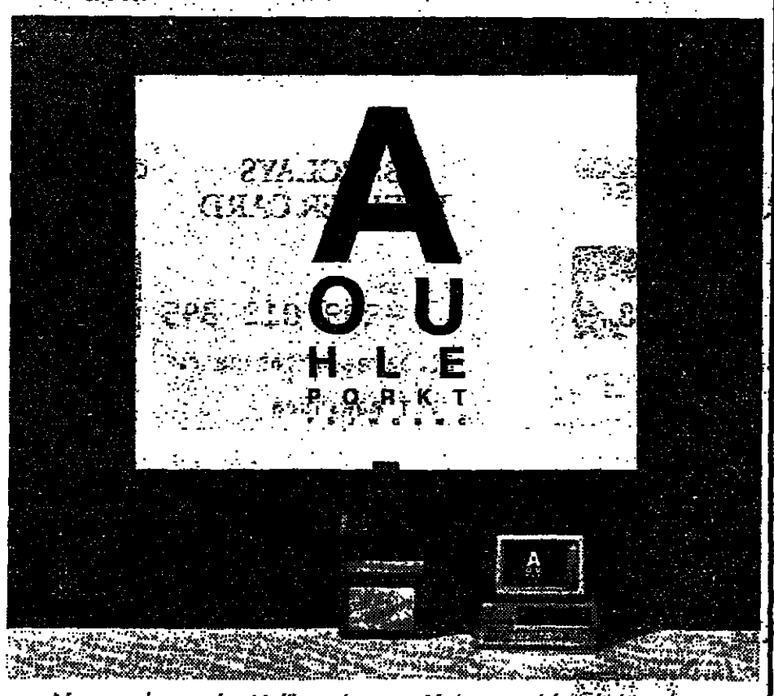

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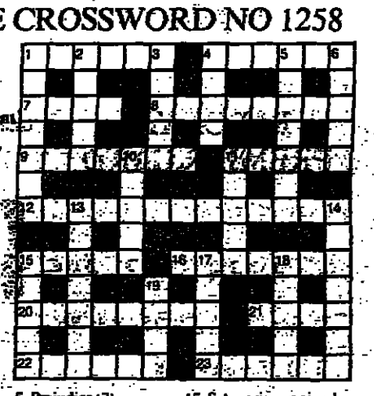

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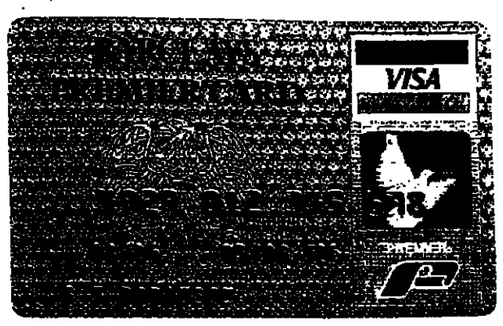

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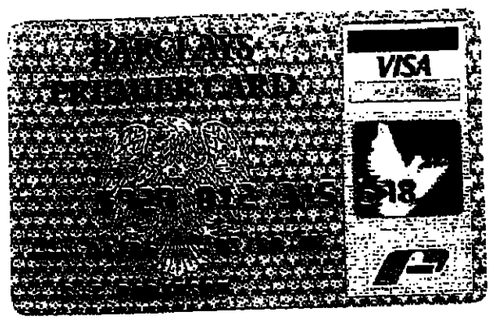

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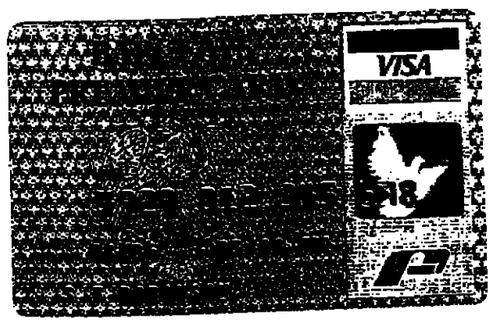

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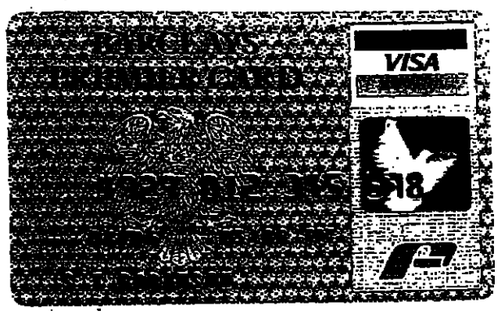

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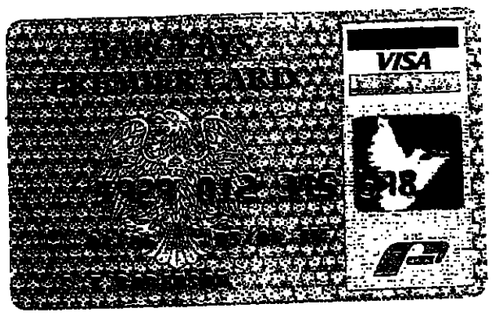

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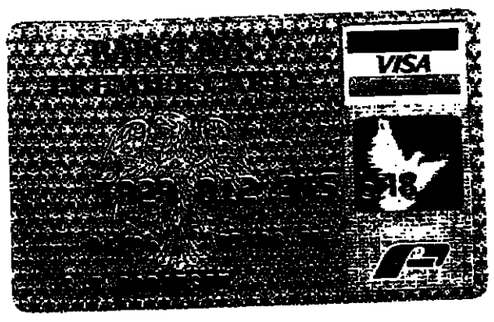

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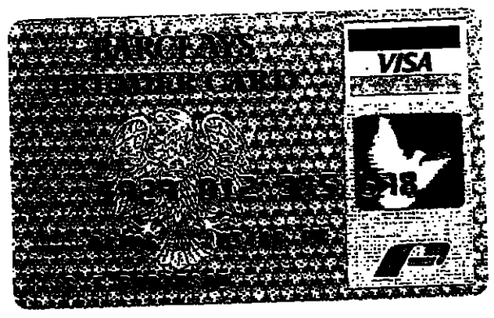

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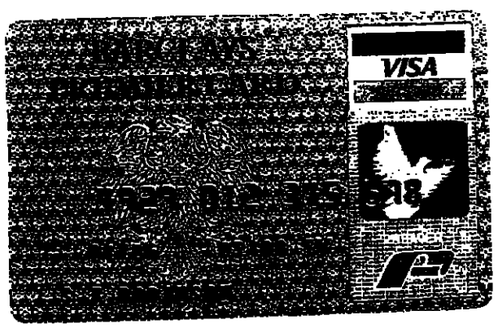

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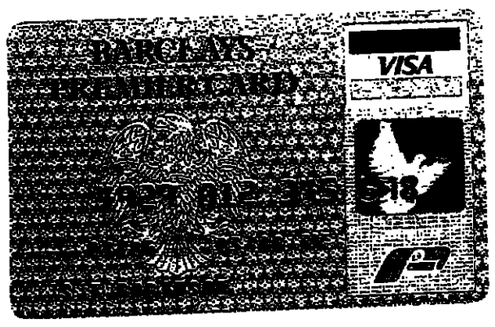

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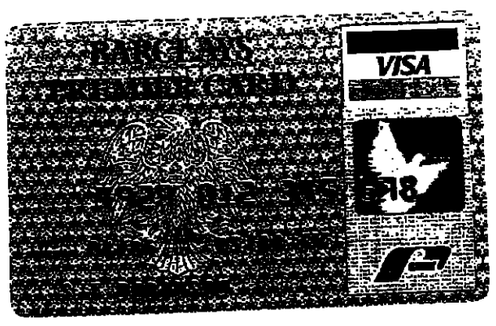

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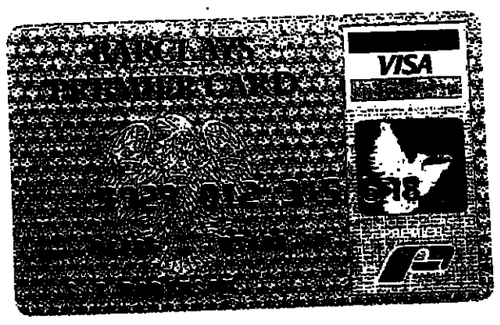

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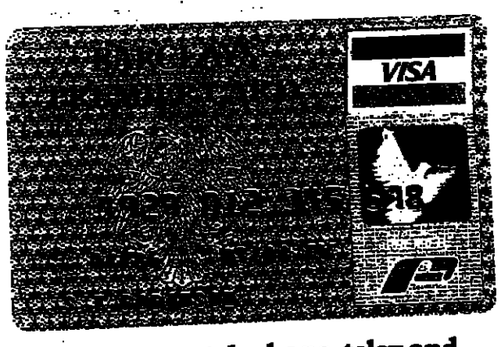

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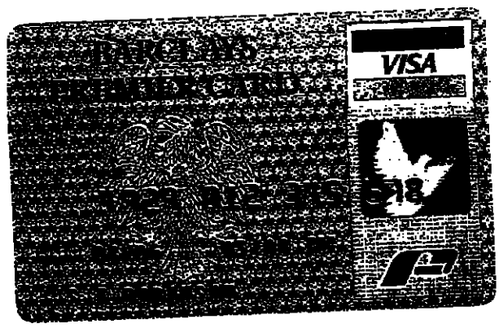

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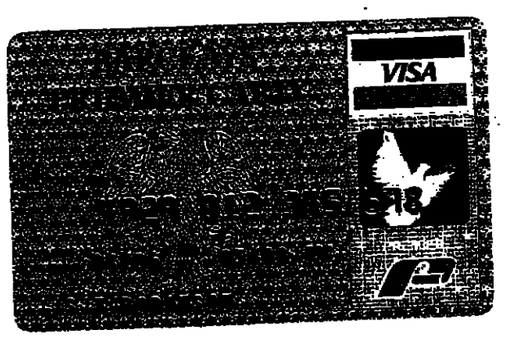

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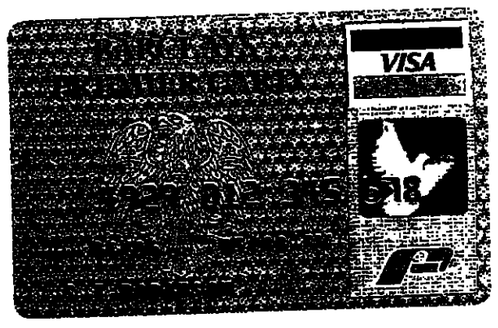

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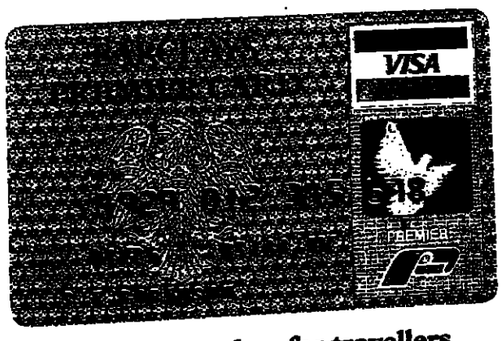

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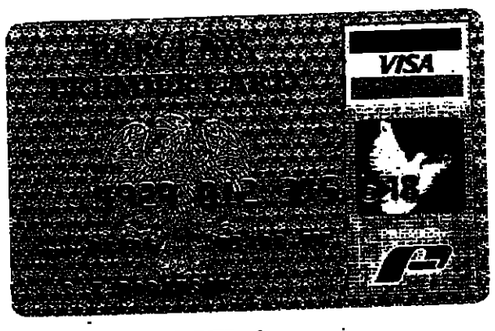

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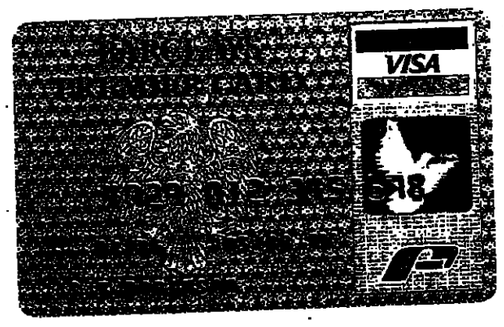

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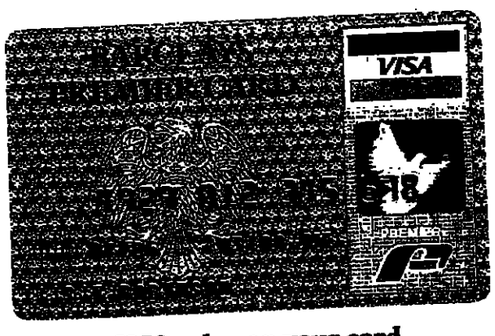

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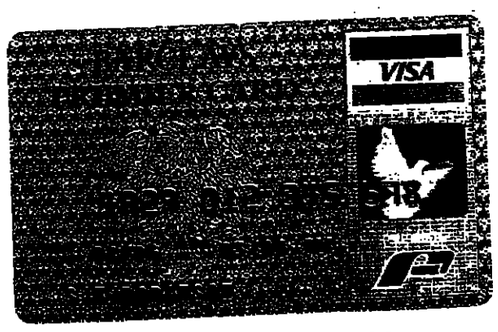

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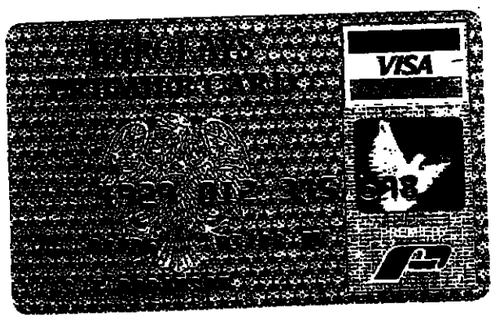

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Doomsday doomed

Harold Wilson made plans to grant Northern Ireland dominion status, it will be revealed later this month. He drafted the scheme, dubbed the "Doomsday Scenario", in May 1974, shortly after forming his minority government. Under it, though Ulstermen would remain subjects of the Queen, government would go to a new constitutional authority. Minority rights would be constitutionally protected, British financial support would taper off over five years, and the British military presence would progressively be reduced. There would, however, be a veto on further constitutional change for some years. Detailing the plan for the first time in his forthcoming book *Prime Minister*, Lord Donoughue, then Wilson's policy adviser, writes: "It was a bold and imaginative, if risky, proposal. Mr Wilson seemed almost afraid of its implications and apart from discussing it with Joe Haines and myself, restricted its circulation to only a few very senior officials." The scheme, he goes on, was finally scuppered by the 1974 Protestant strikes.

Monday's chide

Has Harvey Proctor's amazing ability to hang on to office against all the odds finally been undermined? The MP for Billericay, who faces gross indecency charges and is due in court next Wednesday, has failed to win re-election to the executive council of the right-wing Monday Club. Proctor, who had been a member of its ruling council for four years, polled only 104 votes, ending up seventh out of eight candidates. The news has come as a blow to his supporters in Essex who will attend his re-adoption meeting on Saturday. Frank Mallon, chairman of a local ward party, told me: "I am a member of a Monday club and this news comes as a surprise to me." He insisted, however, that Saturday's meeting would be a formality.

● **The Liberal Party loses its national press officer as soon as the election campaign ends. Jim Dunnsday, who has answered press calls day and night for two years, has accepted the post of BBC press officer in Newcastle.**

Broadminded

Glasgow Tory candidate Janet Girsman won applause at the party's Perth conference yesterday for her plan to reduce the prison population: reintroduce capital punishment and repatriate "foreign" offenders. She was wise, perhaps, not to mention another pet policy: legalizing brothels. Nor, I suspect, would her audience have been impressed by her choice of employer. She is political correspondent for the pin-up-on-every-page *Sunday Sport*.

BARRY FANTONI

'At least you'll feel at home not making sense of the lyrics'

Who's true

The Conservative's 1987 *Campaign Guide* provides intriguing raw material for us Tory Kremlinologists. The guide, designed to provide electoral ammunition by listing quotations from, and achievements by, the party's leading lights, this year has no entry for either Ted Heath or Michael Heseltine. In the 1983 guide Heath was mentioned once and Heseltine no fewer than 11 times. Leon Brittan, although also a Cabinet exile, boasts five entries, two more than last time. By listing the more nefarious activities of the party's opponents, the guide provides a clue as to current Tory demonology. Significantly Tony Benn has only half as many entries as last time, and the first name in the index is now Diane Abbott rather than Gerry Adams.

Habitat

As British Telecom endeavours to put the customer first, photographer Jeremy Jennings awards the now privatized industry full marks for effort, but rather less for execution. Yesterday, BT followed up its emergency installation of a new telephone line at his Sussex home with a call asking whether he was happy with the way it had dealt with the fault. After answering a few initial questions, Jennings interrupted to explain why the new line was needed: early on Easter Sunday, his four-year-old daughter Harriet had set fire to the kitchen, gutting the phone system. "Oh I see," replied the BT lady, swiftly returning to her sheet of prepared questions. "And have you had occasion to complain about the same fault in the past?"

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Win over the white sections

by Joseph Amamoo

I must first declare an interest in the issue of black sections. I am an African of impeccable black origin and ancestry, and therefore aware that the black community in this country suffers from acts of racism, direct and indirect, in various forms. *But I believe the best* approach to the problem is not the establishment of separate "black sections" in the national political parties, which would lead to the growth and perpetuation of special black interest groups throughout society generally.

This would not benefit black people because they constitute so small a proportion of the population that they could not realize any objectives or programmes, however laudable, without the assent or support of the white majority.

Currently it is estimated that non-whites constitute around 5 per cent of a population of *56 million*. It is pretty obvious that this 5 per cent could not under normal circumstances effect or successfully implement any social or economic policy or programme without the support of a good proportion of the other 95 per cent. Furthermore, the 5 per cent non-whites are not concentrated in one area, borough or constituency but are spread around the country, mainly in the inner areas of London, Liverpool, Manchester, Bradford and other towns and cities. No parliamentary candidate, of any political party, could therefore win on the strength of black votes alone, not even in the London borough of Brent, where 46 per cent are black, the highest proportion in the country. In any case, how does the aspiring black candidate become the official party candidate without the votes of the whites in the relevant candidate selection committee?

The problems which black people now face are similar to those of British Jews in the 1920s and 1930s. There are thought to be about 500,000 Jews, roughly 1 per cent of the population; yet 30 MPs are of the Jewish faith.

Statistically, if they were in Parliament only as "Jewish MPs", elected by the combined Jewish vote and representing primarily Jewish interests, then there should not be 30 but no more than six or seven.

It is by putting themselves forward, first and foremost, as British citizens, worthy to be selected as candidates and to be voted for as prospective MPs, that Jews have won the support of the non-Jewish majority. Naturally, as MPs, they have been able to help many people, Jews and non-Jews, with their problems. Therein lies a lesson for the black community in this country.

The strategy to adopt is not to issue strident anti-white rhetoric but, through sober argument, to appeal to reason and use persuasion to get the 95 per cent of the population who are white to see and appreciate the legitimate concerns of the black people and adopt them as their own; and then, having done so, to use their overwhelming numerical strength at local government and parliamentary level to bring about changes in society which would ameliorate the conditions of black people.

In other words, the objectives of black people are best achieved by so packaging and presenting them that they are at best conterminous with those of the vast majority of the non-black people or, at worst, acceptable to them.

In the United States, where blacks form about 12 per cent of the population, the implementation of such a far-sighted, mature policy has led to the victory of black candidates over white for positions of mayor, governor and other high public offices.

The vulnerable social and political position of blacks in this country is no different from that of whites in Africa, where all black people originate. Except in South Africa, where the white minority has always held power and refuses to cede it, in no African, Caribbean or Asian country can the few white residents expect, reasonably, to advance their political or socio-economic situations or objectives without the support or acquiescence of the local majority.

Finally, without the resources of mounting a nationwide poll on this subject, I have nevertheless conducted a simple, crude poll by talking about the issue with as many black people as possible in and around London, and trying to assess their views. The results of these interviews have convinced me that the vast majority of black people are not in favour of "black sections".

The author, formerly editor of the Ghanaian Times, *is a community development officer for Hackney.*

New boy Michael Fallon writes an end-of-term report on the Commons

A good four years but could still do better

It is a club, of course. Thousands applied for membership in 1983 but only 650 were admitted, some after years of trying. To be an MP is an exclusive and extraordinary privilege.

Since I won Darlington for the Conservatives in 1983 I have had the use of a fine library and hospitable refreshment rooms and the pleasure of sharing an office with quite the nicest politician of any party, Jeremy Hanley, MP for Richmond. I recall debates in committee with fair-minded opponents such as Ian Mikardo, Peter Snape and the late David Penhaligon. I think I recall initiating debates on subjects such as self-employment and the North-east at hours like two or three in the morning.

The Commons is a surprisingly familiar place. Backbenchers can mingle freely with ministers, pursuing constituency points in the division lobby or smoking room. The voting system ensures that Cabinet ministers are in the building late each night, no longer cocooned by their civil servants. And in what other parliament could one find the prime minister queuing alongside in the cafeteria?

And yet some are less equal than others. Northern and Scottish members have much further to travel: we like to be away by Thursday evening or early Friday morning, not returning until late on Monday. Visiting Darlington midweek takes out an entire day.

The other difference is not between the parties as much as between those with safe seats and those without. "Lifers" from opposing sides can drink together and pair together, but those in marginal seats, with all the job security of a football manager, must always have one eye on the voter.

What have we achieved, sitting here and legislating? I suspect historians will come to dub this the privatization Parliament. In four years, ownership has been transferred from the state to individuals on a scale that we neither planned back in opposition nor anticipated even in 1983. And no constituency has been unaffected: a thousand Darlington families now own their council house (and have an asset rather than a rent-book to hand on to their children); nearly 10,000 now hold shares.

For a Conservative backbencher in the North-east there is a paradox here. Ninety per cent of my casework has concerned grants, housing and benefits. The region's economy is dominated by central and local government; its MPs are well-used conduits for public spending.

Regional policy, for example, began in County Durham in 1934, after a series of moving articles in *The Times*, "Places with no Future." Fifty years on, with the highest unemployment and lowest personal income, 98 per cent of our region has "assisted area" status and grants remain a way of life for our industrial culture.

Almost 40 per cent of our housing is public, yet my weekly "surgery" is full of dissatisfied tenants. More than a quarter of Darlington's waiting list comprises people already in council houses who want transfers to other council houses. Young girls leaving home become pregnant to jump the queue.

Too many are thus physically trapped on poorly maintained estates hundreds of miles from where the work is and where their skills are needed. Further south, thousands of council houses are empty, thousands more hard to let: my constituents cannot apply. Parliament has not faced up to the full horror of the immobility that its own legislation has created.

The same applies to benefits. Before I was elected, I knew the system was complex. But I had no idea of the extent to which it penalises those it is designed to help. A girl aged 17, living with a father on housing benefit, works 15 hours a week and is only £1.54 better off than if she were not working at all.

In this parliament the social security system has been thoroughly reviewed but just as thoroughly preserved. Spending goes on rising but its recipients are no better off. Poverty here is state-induced, a Giro culture that discourages work and depresses income.

Well-paid ministers with landed or City backgrounds cannot understand the huge difference between receiving benefit and paying even 27 per cent tax. If they did, they would not tolerate the appalling paternalism of a system which restricts the number of hours that people who want to work can work. Alone of many schemes since 1983, the enterprise allowance has proved a winner here, cutting straight through the tax and benefit trap with dramatic results.

In the next parliament we must drop more such ladders into the sub-culture and help free those who remain outsiders in our economy and our society: 3 million unemployed, 5 million on supplementary benefit, 6 million in public housing — these vast client-states await radical changes in welfare legislation. Until then, MPs must go on doing this kind of casework and ministers must remain responsible for the most detailed actions and decisions of their local agencies.

After four years inside the system, therefore, the conventional wisdom does not convince me. There is too much accountability and there are too many ministers. Ten years after the peak of the provision-state and its apparatus of para-government, ministers are still answering for matters over which they have no control, nor should have. Eight ministers answer for energy and transport alone, departments whose responsibilities have been halved by privatization.

And perhaps there are too many MPs. It is difficult to convince one's constituents that the average backbencher will now be called only four times a year in main debates. Question-time is a lottery: we stay up all night just to compete for the chance to present a bill. And we lobby shamelessly on takeovers and grants, issues on which the politician does not necessarily take a longer or wider view than the markets.

Even if there are not too many of us, we do have fewer constituents than other parliamentarians. Against our average 86,000, a French deputy has 150,900 and a US congressman 544,000. The difference is significant because at Westminster it puts a premium on job protection and the interest of industry.

A threat to a single factory or plant comes right to the floor of the House: ministers accept responsibility and prepare a reply. Indeed the Prime Minister will receive any MP faced with the loss of upwards of 500 jobs. But the new jobs which are now being created or awaiting creation are less visible, scattered in tiny units across the constituency.

More insidious is the extent to which relatively small constituencies help reinforce producer interest against those of the consumer. In debates on coal, textiles and steel, where employment is highly concentrated, for example, the consumer, even the commercial consumer, has no spokesman because Mr Speaker has to accommodate those with "genuine" constituency interests. The House of Commons is severely inhibited from exploring the costs of protection and challenging the weight of producer associations and their sponsoring departments.

But I carp too much. All of us leaving to fight again would love to return. Tonight we part. For some, au revoir; for others, perhaps, *morituri te salutamus*. The voters will decide.

What will it cost to combat Aids?

The announcement yesterday that the government is to provide London hospitals with an extra £1.5 million to enable them so continue treating Aids patients with the drug AZT — at an average cost of £5,400 per patient — prompts the question what will be the long-term cost of the disease for the health service.

The truth is that when a new disease first appears, nobody can be certain how the disease will affect individuals or the community, or what the cost will be in terms either of life or cash.

Experts have hidden their ignorance behind the oft-repeated preface "there is no evidence that". A distinguished wartime general said that if he had allowed his troops to advance into fiercely-held enemy territory with catastrophic results, and later defended his action with the excuse that there was no evidence when they started that resistance would be met, he would have been court martialled.

He did not understand why civilian civil servants fighting an equally deadly war should be treated differently.

The cost of the government's present campaign is difficult to estimate as nobody knows how many patients will develop the disease, how many people have been infected by the virus, or how long it is possible to keep an Aids patient alive with supportive medicine. This would include treatment with AZT, possibly in association with even more expensive drugs.

By the end of the year it is certain that there will be enough AZT to treat all the Aids patients who can raise the necessary funds. The more efficient the drugs therapy the greater the number of patients who will survive to need long-term therapy.

At the moment the cost to the state per annum for the treatment of each Aids patient is between £10,000 and £20,000: this estimate was made before AZT became readily available and will now be much higher. It is not surprising that the drug companies are working enthusiastically to find drugs which are only palliative measures, which will prolong life rather than cure. They should be tackling the more fundamental task of producing a vaccine: a successful vaccine, however, would render drug treatment redundant and would do much less for a firm's profitability.

The DHSS has no firm figures for the cost of treating a patient from the moment he is found to be HIV positive until his or her death from the full Aids syndrome. The department's estimates of the cost are only based on treatment once the Aids syndrome has been diagnosed, usually at a very late stage of the illness.

Since 1982 only 750 patients in this country have developed the full Aids syndrome, and 420 have died. At any one time half the patients with Aids require active hospital treatment. There are no figures available of the cost of treating patients with earlier manifestations of the disease or those who are HIV positive but are symptomless.

Next year the virus for one reason or another is likely to cost the state more than £63 million — up to £24 million for the care of patients, £4 million for additional facilities in genito-urinary medical clinics, £14 million for public education, a total of £17 million to the Medical Research Council, £1.25 million to the Public Health Laboratory Service, £2 million for the additional cost involved in the heat treatment of Factor VIII, £2 million to the Blood Transfusion Service and several lesser sums to other bodies.

The likely cost of treatment has been based on an assumption that early predictions of the percentage of HIV positive patients who are expected to develop Aids will not be higher than 10 or 20 per cent. Overseas figures support the view that this optimism is misplaced. The cost will therefore be proportionally higher.

The Aids epidemic is potentially devastating but at the moment the organism, compared to other viruses, is frail, easily destroyed outside the human body and difficult to spread except through sexual intercourse or contaminated blood.

But if its virulence was to increase, or if it becomes more difficult to destroy, so that low concentrations of the virus present in other body fluids become infectious, or even if in its present form it is spread to other heterosexual risk groups, the annual bill to the DHSS would make next year's £63 million look like petty cash.

Thomas Stuttaford

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IRA shadow over the poll

Oddly enough, there is one respect in which the affairs of Northern Ireland, to be excluded by common consent from the British election campaign, are quietly dominating that exercise. I suspect that the precautions now being taken for the safety of British politicians, as they trundle round the country talking about everything except Ulster, are more elaborate than ever before. At any rate, I hope they are.

One does not have to be in an army or the victim of a particularly macabre imagination to realize that a successful IRA attack on one or more eminent participant in the election campaign would have an enormous appeal to the godfathers of republican violence in Ulster. They would not be deterred, as the Brighton bombing attempt shows, by fears of the ferocious reaction which such an event might provoke. They have come to believe that the British people are fundamentally unprovokable in that when you try to kill their leaders the stock reaction of the political establishment, having duly deplored the atrocity, is to say that we must not act under the influence of panic or anger.

What constitutes the best protection of the British political establishment during the next few weeks is the immense efficiency of our police forces and, above all, the fact that there are few very safe havens in this country from which Irish terrorists can plot their crimes and in which they can take refuge when their crimes have been committed.

In other respects, Irish terrorists in Britain have a few things going for them. The chief of these is that the majority of the British do not believe themselves at present to be subjected to any terrorist challenge. They lack, therefore, a war mentality and the vigilance and militant feeling which such a mentality inspires. It is natural and inevitable that this should still be so, for Britons on the mainland have suffered comparatively little from terrorist assaults.

This is not so, of course, in Ulster, as a recent experience of mine vividly illustrates. Last weekend I went to the province to address a meeting of the Friends of the Union, in the company of my much more distinguished colleagues in that movement, Ian Gow, James Molyneaux and John Biggs-Davison. We met in the civic centre at Craigavon. Before a solid, middle-class, moderate Unionist audience, we rehearsed the argument for preserving the union, modifying the Anglo-Irish agreement and refraining from the negative policies which so irritate the British. We had said it all before. They had heard it all before, and they listened with respect and only the slightest evidence of boredom.

Then, just as the meeting was about to end, a message was handed to our chairman and read out by him. It was to the effect that an attack had just been made on the police station at Loughgall and that (sic) "six policemen had been murdered". None of us thought to disbelieve it and suspect an error in transcription. We were all used to that kind of atrocity; it called for a gesture of respect for the dead, a prompt suspension of the meeting and a particularly solemn, and therefore outstandingly tuneless rendering of the National Anthem. Then, as we broke up and chatted in grim voices, the true version of the event came through. It was not six policemen but eight terrorists who had been killed (we had heard nothing yet about the innocent passers-by).

Here then, it seemed to us, was an occasion for rejoicing, not mourning. It seemed to have been a splendid exercise and a brilliant victory for the intelligence services. Instead of being arrested en route and sent down for a few years for belonging to the IRA and carrying arms, the enemy had been trapped, beautifully and brilliantly, caught in the very act and wiped out. One felt the same kind of elevation that men of my age did when listening to the tally of German bombers shot down in the Battle of Britain.

You will say that all this shows how fighting a terrorist war corrupts the defenders of law and order. Did not every one of these terrorists have a mother? Were they not courageous though misguided men? Should we not think of the extent to which they were simply the products of an unhappy history? All this is true, and there will be a time and place for recording it; but a people confronted by a direct terrorist challenge must not allow its instinct of self-defence to be paralysed by such meditations. Warfare even against terrorists should be confined within the limits of propriety; we should not shoot prisoners as the IRA does, but we are under no obligation to take special pains to diminish enemy casualties.

As the book of Ecclesiastes tells us, there is "a time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace." Inducing us to get these times mixed up is one of the deadliest weapons in the armoury of terrorism, designed as it is to atrophy our instinct for self-preservation. A final warning to the IRA: any attempt seriously to disrupt our affairs in the next three weeks will revive that flagging instinct in the British people in the most conspicuous manner.

The response of the Unionist community in Ulster to IRA terrorism is not the result of some Irish cultural oddity; it is the result of Ulster's having been subjected to years of sustained and ruthless attack. It is the characteristic response of the British when under fire. The difference is simply that the mainland British have not yet been under serious IRA fire and their patriotism and imagination does not yet extend, unhappily, to a proper sympathy with the feelings of loyal Ulstermen.

however . . . Henry Stanhope

How to get my giddy vote

I am a floating voter. That is a statement of fact, not a boast or admission of guilt. I drift between the parties in the eddying currents of our political life and times like flotsam, or in the manner of a soldier of fortune during the Thirty Years War.

I was converted at an early age after the '45 campaign, in which Haileybury thrashed Harrow by what might be described as an innings and 145 runs.

In those days there were no opinion polls, or if there were the pollsters kept pretty quiet about them, as if they were, well . . . a little underhand, like cheating. Nowadays I can't think why the Queen doesn't just send for David Butler to tell her whom to ask to form a government. But in 1945 you had to wait until people had actually voted before you could tell who had won.

I mention this only to explain the sense of national shock upon hearing that Mr Attlee had done so. Had Miss Marple turned round in the final scene of an Agatha Christie and announced that she had strangled the vicar herself, she could hardly have amazed us more successfully. My grandmother, ashen-faced, retired to her room with the bottle of sal volatile while I awaited, in some awe, the arrival of the Bolsheviks at the front door.

Nothing changed, however, and after a while it became fairly clear that nothing very much was going to. Sweets were still rationed, you couldn't yet buy bananas and, apart from the fact that we were preparing to fight the Russians instead of the Germans, life seemed pretty much the same as it had always been — a succession of crises which the country managed to stumble over somehow.

The trains had been nationalized, but they more or less kept on running. They didn't actually do so on time, but short of resurrecting Mussolini there didn't seem to be much anyone could do about that. It took a little while to sort out Mr Bevin from Mr Bevan (the former wore horn-rimmed spectacles) and on a dark night you might just have mistaken the British prime minister for Joseph Stalin (but it would have to be a very dark one indeed).

It thus became clear to me quite young that whatever way you voted and whichever party won, the effect upon the nation would be minimal. Somehow the old country would pull through, whatever the impact on sterling.

The answer, therefore, was to vote, not in accordance with some lofty ideal or conviction, but entirely in the interests of oneself. As when using a zebra crossing during the rush hour in central Calcutta, one should think chiefly in terms of self-preservation.

Short-term expediency and personal gain are thus the twin precepts which will guide my trembling hand as I exercise my democratic right in our local Church of England elementary school in four weeks time. They have already led me to support each of the major parties in my time and, if they haven't done me very much good, I cannot see that they have done the country abiding harm.

I am therefore pleased to announce that I have completed my manifesto for this year and am ready to tell the parties what I am looking for. This is, for a start, a small purge, and in the manner of the Lord High Executioner I have a little list of those who never would be missed.

They include people who lead their dogs to foul the pavement outside our house instead of their own; children who scrawl graffiti on the London underground; young men wearing trainers who play their wretched Walkmen on the District Line (I can hear them all too well, thank you very much, squeaking away like field mice in the corner); publicans who fill their bars with canned music and Space Invaders; grasping West End hoteliers; and those who say "we was" in public.

I demand a Statute of Limitation on *Dallas*, *Dynasty* and all television programmes which show surgery; a self-denying ordinance on party political broadcasts; and a prohibition order on all architects of the Dripping Concrete school from entering the City of London — even to eat their lunch (we just can't take the risk).

That should keep the next government busy for a week or two. And if some day a new victim must be found, it can always come back to me for more. Meanwhile I am working on my brief for foreign affairs.

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The issues: education

REFORM AT LAST

Instead of an education system for the 21st century, Britain has something that was cobbled together in the 1960s, found wanting in the 1970s and is still awaiting real reform in the 1980s. Nearly 40 per cent of children leave school after 11 years of full-time education with little or nothing to show for it.

Equally shaming should be the international comparisons which suggest that 16-year-olds in Britain lag a full two years behind their opposite numbers in Germany and Japan. Shame is not much in evidence. Only the other day the Chief Education Officer of Cambridgeshire claimed in a letter to *The Times* that our public education service had a "superb track record".

That is not the view of business. It sometimes seems as if the CBI, the Institute of Directors and the British Institute of Management are the only ones who understand what has been happening. Their trenchant views on the abilities of school-leavers constitute a comprehensive indictment of decades of educational waffle and experimentation.

So too does industry's experience of how rapidly a good Youth Training Scheme can transform the most unpromising material. But do young people really have to wait until they have left school before someone finds a way of teaching them basic English and mathematics? The nation cannot afford such an absurdity. Nor can it afford a higher education system which excludes 85 per cent of the age group and, in the universities' case, concentrates elaborate resources on a tiny, gilded seven per cent?

This is not a critique with which any of the parties would particularly quarrel. Measures to raise standards in schools, improve training and widen access to higher education will feature in all their manifestos. The difference is that while Conservative proposals are plainly radical (if late in the day), the Alliance and Labour would tinker with what exists while spending a lot more money on it.

Education issues have never been more fundamental or the choice more stark. The question which the Tories have finally and effectively posed is who should run the system?

Should schools in the state sector continue to be the responsibility of local education authorities or should that responsibility be divided between the Department of Education and Science and the schools themselves? Should the traditional autonomy of the universities be respected or should they, with the polytechnics, be required to serve the nation's interests before any other?

The questions have not been placed on the agenda by the sinister ambitions of a power-hungry Government. They have been put there by a general conviction that not enough young people are being educated as well as they should be and that the system as it is organized at present has been unconscionably slow to recognize it, much less to correct it. Many of those responsible for running the worst schools and the weakest universities refuse even to acknowledge that anything is amiss — anything, that is, that cannot be put right by limitless injections of public funds.

The achievements of our main industrial competitors provide the clearest evidence that standards have not been rising fast enough in schools. But the comparison only confirms parents' instinctive feelings (regularly confirmed by Her Majesty's Inspectors of education) that too many teachers require too little of their pupils and offer them too little as well.

Yet throughout the decade in which those feelings grew, the professionals poured scorn on anyone who dared voice them. Teachers, academics, administrators and councillors conspired to ensure that any concern about standards was automatically dismissed as the disreputable obsession of a right-wing fringe. Similarly, the university establishment succeeded in putting about the notion that because some institutions did a few things rather well, the whole system was above adverse criticism and the State's only role was to pay more and more for it.

Are these then the hands into which responsibility for reforming education should be placed? Or is it time, as the Government's plans suggest, for the producers' concerns to be subordinated to those of the consumers?

Will widening parents' choice and extending their influence significantly improve schools? Will requiring universities and polytechnics to enter into funding contracts for specific services lead to greater efficiency and relevance? If ever there were a time for radical solutions, it is now.

MORE ISLAND TROUBLE

Fiji yesterday joined the growing number of island communities in which ethnic and cultural divisions have led to the overthrow of democracy and a threat to the rule of law. That in itself is regrettable and one's instinctive reaction must be in support of the Governor-General, Ratu Sir Penaia Ganilau, upon whom great responsibility now lies.

The coup, in which Lt.-Col. Sitiveni Rabuka of the Royal Fiji Military Forces arrested the recently elected government and suspended the constitution, would have seemed quite unthinkable 12 months ago. Britain, mother of parliaments, had bequeathed to it a democratic machinery which had functioned efficiently since independence in 1970. Fiji, surrounded by tiny, emerging countries in the South Pacific, was still setting a fine example of stability and calm.

A parliamentary system was not, however, the only bequest from its former colonial overlord. The other was a growing population of ethnic Indians, imported by Britain during the 19th century to work in the sugar plantations. Their descendants now make up 49 per cent of the population, slightly more than the indigenous Melanesians, and control much of the industry and commerce.

The seeds of conflict between these Indians and the land-owning Melanesians, who had ruled Fiji since independence, have been nurtured since 1984 when the government embittered the Indian-dominated trade unions by imposing a wage freeze and other austerity measures, following a slump in its sugar export earnings.

Fiji has also been exposed to shifting interests and international pressures. Soviet cruise liners (loaded mainly with Australasian holiday-makers and Japanese honeymooners) have been welcome callers at Suva. There has been growing resentment against the French, who have continued to carry out nuclear tests in the Pacific, and a sympathy with the anti-nuclear policies of other regional powers — most notably New Zealand.

The pro-Western government of the Oxford-educated Ratu Sir Kamisese Mara, had been in power for so long that it was open to accusations of complacency. Last year the government was able to announce an improvement in the Fijian ecomomy. But Fiji was already ripe for a change.

The result was last month's election in which Ratu Mara fell from power — to be replaced by a coalition of the Fijian Labour Party and the Indian-led National Federation Party, under Dr Timoci Bavadra, a politically inexperienced physician.

Dr Bavadra had declared his government to be dedicated to improving the lot of the poor and unemployed and, in foreign affairs, to leading Fiji away from its instinctive pro-Western stance towards a non-aligned position. One of the first policy declarations by the new government had been one of support for the nuclear-free policies of New Zealand.

It was to counter such policies, and to defuse the riots and demonstrations which had followed the election, that yesterday's coup allegedly took place. But, as the government had hardly had time to look around, it is hard to understand such depth of feeling. Much remained unclear last night, but it seemed more likely that political intrigue and simmering ethnic discontent lay mainly behind it.

The overthrow of a professedly non-aligned government, presumably in favour of pro-Western forces, should in theory be welcome on this side of the world. But the manner of the government's going can hardly be approved. Dr Bavadra and his ministers were the elected representatives of Fiji and their removal by force is most likely to open the way to instability in which everyone's interests could be damaged in the long term.

March of the trees

From Ms Marion Shoard

Sir, The Chairman of the Forestry Commission, Sir David Montgomery, justifies the expansion of forestry by asserting (May 7) that Britain has a competitive advantage in growing trees. Yet the march of the forests over our hills is being fuelled by an array of grants and tax concessions which even our farmers might envy.

If conditions for forestry are so ideal, perhaps the Foresty Commission will accept that these incentives can now be withdrawn forthwith. Those of us who object to seeing our countryside buried under grim, silent conifers would prefer not to have to pay for the privilege.

Even better, we should like to see the interests of sections of the community other than foresters given due weight before more of our countryside disappears under needle and cone.

However suitable Britain may be for growing trees, we ought to consider carefully what elese we want from our countryside before we allow it to be turned into a matchstick factory.

Yours faithfully,
MARION SHOARD,
The Polytechnic of Central London,
Faculty of the Environment,
35 Marylebone Road, NW1.
May 11.

Succour for violence

From Mr T. M. Unwin

Sir, It has long puzzled me why, in Northern Ireland, a Sinn Fein MP can with impunity publicly denounce the forces of law and order who kill terrorists in self-defence, at the same time publicly supporting and indeed glorifying the dead would-be murderers; or how at funerals of these murderers their supporters can publicly appear in masks as self-confessed members of an illegal terrorist organization and not be arrested. There are many such instances.

I know that in practice it is not always possible to enforce the law — whether in Tottenham or Ireland; but, unless they are quite impotent, why do the authorities tolerate these public manifestations of succour for vicious murderers?

Why are there no prosecutions for glorifying (and thus encouraging others to follow in the footsteps of) such outcasts? Is this not incitement to further law-breaking? Perhaps someone can explain this to

Your obedient servant,
TOM UNWIN,
The Fort,
Milverton, Somerset.
May 11.

Legal negligence

From Mr Robin Michaelson

Sir, Your Legal Affairs Corespondent's article on "Negligence: how all could suffer" (April 30) makes several valid points. One way of mitigating the situation and defusing it somewhat is for the various professional groups to ally themselves together and pool their liability insurance.

This can be very efficiently and effectively done by setting up a mutual insurance company (registered in the UK with the Department of Trade and Industry) with the various professional practices as members. By doing this the professional group concerned actually has some control on the level of premium that has to be charged and can keep a control over claims.

Very large catastrophic claims can effectively be reinsured into the open market and the group operates to all intents and purposes like any licensed insurance company. Such schemes generally provide considerable savings to all taking part.

Yours faithfully,
ROBIN MICHAELSON,
The Wyatt Company (UK) Ltd.
Park Gate,
21 Tothill Street, SW1.
May 1.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Reason, politics and the Bomb

From Mr Frank Allaun

Sir, Bernard Levin's attack on Martin Amis's powerful book opposing the nuclear bomb did not merit its four columns in *The Times* (May 11).

Mr Levin claims that the Bomb has given us 40 years of peace, a phrase he borrowed from the Prime Minister. But in July, 1914, there were statesmen who similarly claimed — until the following month — that the Allied navies and armies had given the Continent precisely the same period of peace. In any case, 40 years, unfortunately, is only a very short part of human history.

Mr Levin's insulting advice to Mr Amis is that he should "swallow some Kwells". After all, he believes, some people would survive in Australia, Africa, China and South America. Very comforting for the other nations, though not necessarily true for any country.

Your columnist proceeds with an even more audacious claim. He says it was only the presence of the American nuclear weapon that stopped the Red Army from taking over the whole of Europe. He knows full well that the Russians lost 20 million men, women and children from Hitler's invasion.

Naturally the Soviet people hate war as much as we do. Out of the male babies born between 1920 and 1925 only three out of every hundred remained alive 20 years later. Mr Levin and I owe our lives to their sacrifices. Mr Gorbachev has stressed the need to switch resources from warfare preparations to raising living standards in Russia and elsewhere.

The only thing to do about nuclear bombs, Mr Levin continues, is for us to keep ours and to negotiate reduction in their numbers on both sides. Does he agree or not with Mrs Thatcher's recent statement that "We are not prepared to accept the de-nuclearisation of Europe"?

Far from negotiating reductions, she is planning an increase, and is doing her damndest to undermine the present negotiations between Mr Reagan and Mr Gorbachev. That is unforgivable.

Yours sincerely,
FRANK ALLAUN
(Vice-President, CND),
1 South Drive, Manchester 21.
May 11.

From Mr Ninian Brodie of Brodie

Sir, Bernard Levin's article on the Bomb is admirable, but he is wrong in saying there is only one possible thing to "do about" nuclear weapons: there is another possible thing and that is to set about removing the causes of war.

CND sit about Greenham Common, march hither and thither and join hands across the countryside. They appear to give no thought to the present victims, mostly innocent, of wars (with so-called conventional weapons) which are raging throughout the world — Iran and Iraq, Nicaragua and, perhaps worst of all, Mozambique.

If only CND could get up off their bottoms, remove their home-made haloes and set about using their time, energy and money to removing the causes of these heart-breaking and pointless wars, I'm sure they would be joined by many others in many countries.

A herculean task, indeed, but surely well worth the effort. Conventional weapons would begin to disappear and, hopefully, nuclear weapons would become redundant.

Yours sincerely,
NINIAN BRODIE OF BRODIE,
Brodie Castle, Forres, Morayshire.
May 12.

Research needs

From the Chairman, Coordinating Council of Area Studies Associations

Sir, The Defence White Paper envisages, as you foresaw (leading article, May 7), a transfer of research funds from defence establishments to civilian technology: it points to the cost of devoting too high a share of research resources to military requirements.

A corresponding, but very much smaller, shift would maintain support for the research which lies behind defence and foreign policy — analysis of the developments overseas which determine defence expenditure. This particularly applies to communist countries: reform programmes in the USSR, eastern Europe, China and Vietnam could have profound effects on their societies and on East-West relations.

The Government itself is the largest collector and interpreter of information on external conditions and, since the 1947 Scarbrough report, it has acknowledged its responsibilities in funding the higher education sector to produce area-specialised political analysts, economists, lawyers, geographers, and to generate the complementary independent research which is no less essential than in technology.

This council is acutely concerned at the losses, both through retirement of staff appointed under the 1961 Hayter report (on African, Asian and East European studies) and the 1965 Parry report (on Latin American studies), and through recent migration to American universities of senior specialists. The financial cuts imposed on universities mean that such posts falling vacant are being abolished.

A teaching and research structure of national value and of international repute has been established since the war: it could be maintained for a sum trivial in comparison with the £401million defence research budget.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL KASER (Chairman,
Coordinating Council of Area Studies Associations),
St Antony's College, Oxford.
May 8.

Sterilisation risks

From Dr J. O. Drife

Sir, About 50,000 women are sterilised in England every year, and some of them may have been disturbed by Dr Patrick Gill's statement (May 7) that the operation has long-term harmful physical *sequelae*.

This question has been investigated by many research studies, some of which have indeed concluded that sterilisation leads to hormonal disturbance or adverse effects on the menstrual cycle. Nevertheless, studies in over 25 countries, involving almost 17,000 women, report that most women experience no change in menstruation after sterilisation: of those who do, half experience worsening of menstrual problems and half experience improvement.

The conclusion of the largest and best-designed studies is that sterilisation does not lead to long-term side effects. For example, researchers from Oxford University and the Family Planning Association observed over 5,000 women for several years and found no increase in the rate of gynaecological disorders in sterilised women.

Dr Gill's assertion that sterilisation can cause auto-immune disorders is based on theoretical concepts unsupported by evidence. He is, of course, entitled to his views on the pros and cons of sterilisation, but I feel it is wrong of him to be so dogmatic when describing the results of medical research.

Yours sincerely,
JAMES OWEN DRIFE,
University of Leicester,
School of Medicine,
Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology,
Clinical Sciences Building,
Leicester Royal Infirmary,
PO Box 65, Leicester.

Constable bequest

From Dr Selby Whittingham

Sir, Mr Richard Constable argues (May 5) that the works by John Constable given and bequeathed to the Victoria & Albert Museum in 1888 by his great-great-aunt, the artist's daughter, should be transferred to the Tate Gallery.

The 1944-46 Massey report also recommended that. But the memorandum of the Standing Commission on Museums and Galleries attached to that report argued that

the clearly-expressed intentions of the testators in the case of the Miss Constable and the Vaughan bequests preclude any permanent transfer of these drawings and pictures from the Victoria & Albert Museum . . .

Should not today's Museums and Galleries Commission be asked to review the whole question of the adherence to donors' wishes and the continuing fragmentation of the national collections of British art in London, including those of Constable and Turner?

Yours faithfully,
SELBY WHITTINGHAM,
Turner House,
153 Cromwell Road, SW5.

Women in RUC

From the Chief Constable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary

Sir, The leading article "Warning: women at work" (March 11) contains a number of serious inaccuracies.

There was no finding of guilt against the Royal Ulster Constabulary, no ruling that there had been a misguided attempt to protect women, no condemnation of the other matters mentioned by you. The Royal Ulster Constabulary did not claim that its work was analogous to the armed forces.

The case before the tribunal was part heard, when the parties reached a satisfactory settlement. The claimants accepted that the Chief Constable had taken steps to ensure the application of equal treatment in recruitment, training and other areas throughout the Force. An advisory committee on equal opportunities proposed by him will advise and make recommendations to me.

The only issue left to be decided by the tribunal was the costs which were to be awarded to the claimants.

Despite the exigencies of the unusual situation prevailing in Northern Ireland, I am determined to uphold the principle of equal treatment, consistent with the findings of the European Court.

Yours faithfully,
J. C. HERMON,
Chief Constable,
Royal Ulster Constabulary,
Brooklyn, Knock Road,
Belfast, Northern Ireland.

Fifth estate?

From Mr Jeremy Sinden

Sir, A couple of days ago I was walking along Portland Place when I passed a notice advertising "Offices for rent". The advertisers also described themselves as "Soul agents" (*sic*).

I wonder if any of my fellow readers can shed some light on this novel form of representation?

Yours faithfully,
JEREMY SINDEN,
24 Crediton Road, NW10.

Craftsmen in a business maze

From Captain J. G. G. P. Elwes

Sir, Britain's 20,000 craftsmen, full-time or part-time, are confronted with a maze of sources of potential assistance.

One can get guidance from (1) the twelve regional visual arts officers supported by the Arts Council and possibly grant aid; or, if you are especially lucky, a three-year limited subsidy for special cases, which may also come in part from local authorities.

One might get a grant for the conversion of a building from (2) Cosira (Council for Small Industries in Rural Areas) and loans for equipment from the same source (Ministry of Environment).

One could also get a grant for the same building from (3) the Tourist Board; but you get into trouble if you ask for one-third from both, although 50 per cent grants are the national limit.

One can get advice from (4) the small business section of the Department of Trade, which may lead on to export advice from (5) the British Overseas Trade Board and/or (6) the British Council.

If the home market is insufficient for viability or your product is more suitable for the overseas market, further advice could be obtained from (7) the Foreign Office.

If your product is "artistic", advice and registration is available direct from (8) the Craft Council where there is one over-worked man responsible for marketing and exports. However, if it is painting or sculpture, then it is back to (1) the Arts Council.

The best craftsmen or artists are in the main looking for inspiration and the perfection of their ability. Few of them have the added ability to be businessmen, let alone chasing the eight different ministries and quangos — and perhaps adding a further one by obtaining a design award and registration from (9) the Design Council.

If you want to establish craftsmen and jobs, as we do, none of the above organisations can advise you as to which craftsman or artist is likely to be economically self-supportive. Could not marketing advice be provided by an efficient commercial wholesale organisation, backed perhaps with start-up grants from the Manpower Services Commission?

Yours sincerely,
J. G. G. P. ELWES,
Elsham Hall,
Elsham, near Brigg,
South Humberside.
May 5.

Lighting up London

From Dr Robert M. Black

Sir, In the admirable Special Report (May 8) to mark the centenary of the availability of electricity to the capital's inhabitants, reference is made to the installation by Thomas Edison of two 3,000 volt DC generators at Holborn Viaduct in 1882.

The Holborn installation was in fact based on 110 volt DC and the power station, which was erected in the basement of No 57 Holborn Viaduct, the London offices of the Edison Company, consisted of an Edison dynamo directly driven through a flexible coupling by a Porter-Allen horizontal steam engine mounted on the same base plate.

Mains, consisting of two large, segmental-shaped copper rods separated from each other by cardboard spacers, strung together on a jute string and contained in an iron pipe which was subsequently filled with a bitumen compound by means of a hand-operated suction pump, were laid in subways under the viaduct to supply the street lights from Newgate Street to Holborn Circus.

These mains were 20ft in length, such that they could be transported around the average street corner on a horse-drawn cart and therefore required frequent joints.

Dr Joseph Parker's City Temple was situated at the west end of the viaduct and had an installation of 170 lamps and also the credit of being the first church to be lit by electricity. On April 22, 1882, the *Electrical Review* noted:

Edison lighting was used for the first time in the City Temple, at a popular concert, but the light broke down and the entire building was thrown into darkness.

After the concert it could truly be said that "the people that walked in darkness had seen a great light!"

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT M. BLACK,
BICC Research and Engineering Limited,
38 Ariel Way,
Wood Lane W12.

Birthday honours

From Mr H. J. Tierney

Sir, May I suggest, apropos of Mr Patrick Ide's letter today (May 12) that your honours trophy has been won outright by Mr Irving Berlin?

Yesterday, you reminded us of his birth on May 11, 1888, not only in your "Birthdays today" feature but also as one of the day's "Anniversaries" — on a par with the birth in 1500 of Richard Pole, a future Archbishop of Canterbury, and with the deaths of two prime ministers, Chatham and Perceval.

Have you ever accorded the double distinction to any living person besides Mr Berlin? Long may he continue to enjoy it!

Yours and his devoted admirer,
HUGH TIERNEY,
The Old Station,
One Gordon Avenue,
Stanmore, Middlesex.

ON THIS DAY

MAY 15 1824

Byron's presentiment, confided to the Countess of Blessington, that he would die in Greece, was fulfilled. His body, brought back to London but refused burial in Westminster Abbey, was interred in the family vault at Hucknall Torkard, near the country seat he had inherited at Newstead, Nottinghamshire

DEATH OF LORD BYRON.

A courier arrived in town yesterday morning, with the distressing intelligence of the decease of Lord Byron, at Missolonghi, on the 19th of April, after an illness of ten days. A cold, attended with inflammation, was the cause of the fatal result. Lord Sidney Osborne's letters from Corfu are dated the 27th of April. His Lordship was about to proceed immediately to Zante, where the body had arrived.

Lord Byron had perfectly recovered from his illness in February, which was of quite a different nature from that under which he died.

The following is a translation of the Proclamation which was issued by the Greek Authorities at Missolonghi, to the grief of its inhabitants, who were thus arrested in the celebration of their Easter festivities:—

"PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF GREECE.

"The present days of festivity are converted into days of bitter lamentation for all—

"Lord Noel Byron departed this life to-day, about eleven o'clock in the evening, in consequence of a rheumatic inflammatory fever, which had lasted for ten days.

"During the time of his illness, your general anxiety evinced the profound sorrow that pervaded your hearts. All classes, without distinction of age or sex, oppressed by grief, entirely forgot the days of Easter.

"The death of this illustrious personage is certainly a most calamitous event for all Greece, and still more lamentable for this city, to which he was eminently partial, of which he became a citizen, and of the dangers of which he was determined personally to partake when circumstances should require it.

"His munificent donations to this community are before the eyes of every one, and no one amongst us ever ceased, or ever will cease, to consider him, with the purest and most grateful sentiments, our benefactor.

"Until the dispositions of the National Government regarding this most calamitous event be known, by virtue of the decree of the Legislature, No. 314, of date the 15th October,

"It is ordained,

"1. To-morrow, by sun-rise, thirty-seven minute guns shall be fired from the batteries of this town, equal to the number of years of the deceased personage.

"2. All public offices, including all Courts of Justice, shall be shut for three following days.

"3. All shops, except those for provisions and medicines, shall also be kept shut; and all sorts of musical instruments, all dances customary in these days, all sorts of festivities and merriment in the public taverns, and every other sort of public amuse-ment, shall cease during the above-named period.

"4. A general mourning shall take place for twenty-one days.

"5. Funeral ceremonies shall be performed in all the churches.

"A MAVROCORDATO.
"GIORGIO PRAIDI,
(Secretary.)
"Missolonghi, 19th April, 1824."

. . . We know not how many of our countrymen may share the feelings with which this news has affected us. There were individuals more to be approved for moral qualities than Lord BYRON — to be more safely followed, or more tenderly beloved; but there lives no man on earth whose sudden departure from it, under the circumstances in which that nobleman was cut off, appears to us more calculated to impress the mind with profound and unmingled mourning.

Lord BYRON was doomed to pay that price which Nature sometimes charges for stupendous intellect, in the gloom of his imagination, and the intractable energy of his passions. Amazing power, variously directed, was the mark by which he was distinguished far above all his contemporaries. His dominion was the sublime — it was his native home; at intervals he plunged into the lower atmosphere for amusement, but his stay was brief. It was his proper nature to ascend: but on the summit of his elevation, his leading passion was to evince his superiority, by launching his melancholy scorn at mankind . . .

In praise of aunts

From Miss Stella Pigrome

Sir, I think you should give the last word on aunts to Jane Austen. On October 30, 1815, she wrote to her 10-year-old niece, Caroline Austen, whose sister Anna Leroy had recently had her first child:

Now that you are become an Aunt, you are a person of some consequence & must excite great Interest whatever you do. I have always maintained the importance of Aunts as much as possible, & I am sure of your doing the same now.

She addresses Caroline as "my dear Sister-Aunt".

Yours faithfully,
STELLA PIGROME,
Round Chimney,
Playden, Rye, East Sussex.

COURT AND SOCIAL

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 14: Mr A J Payne was received in audience by The Queen this morning upon his appointment as British High Commissioner to Jamaica.

Mrs Payne had the honour of being received by Her Majesty.

His Excellency Mr Caleb B Aubee was received in audience by The Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Commission as High Commissioner for Sierra Leone in London.

His Excellency was accompanied by the following members of the High Commission who had the honour of being presented to Her Majesty: Dr George B Carew (Deputy High Commissioner), Mr Francis B Rosenior (Counsellor), Mrs Alice Ballah-Conteh (First Secretary), Mr Victor A Jones (Third Secretary), Mr Alpha Wilson (Information Attaché), Mr Amadu F Kamara (Education Attaché), Miss Stella O Bright (Financial Attaché) and Mr Henry P Grant (Financial Attaché).

Mrs Aubee had the honour of being received by The Queen.

Mr Derek Thomas (Deputy Under Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs), who had the honour of being received by Her Majesty was present, and the Gentlemen of the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

Sir Crispin Tickell had the honour of being received by The Queen upon his appointment as United Kingdom Permanent Representative to the United Nations at New York, and United Kingdom Representative on the Security Council.

Lady Tickell had the honour of being received by Her Majesty.

Mr E T Davies was received in audience by The Queen and kissed hands upon his appointment as Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

Mrs Davies had the honour of being received by The Queen.

Miss Adrienne de Trey White had the honour of being received by The Queen and took leave upon her retirement from service in the Royal Household as Chief Housekeeper, when Her Majesty invested her with the Insignia of a Member of the Royal Victorian Order.

The Queen this evening honoured the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders with her presence at a dinner at the Caledonian Club to mark the 40th Anniversary of Her Majesty's appointment as Colonel-in-Chief of the Regiment.

The Queen was received by the Colonel of the Regiment (Lieutenant-General Sir Patrick Palmer).

Lady Abel Smith and Mr Kenneth Scott were in attendance.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips visited Rugby this afternoon and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Warwickshire (Mr C M T Smith-Ryland).

Her Royal Highness toured the premises of Lumonics Ltd (Chairman, Dr J Wright) at Swift Valley and afterwards visited Rugby Gymnastics Club (Chairman, Mr M G Ridgway).

Mrs Malcolm Wallace was in attendance.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips this evening attended a Grand Day Dinner at Lincoln's Inn, where Her Royal Highness was received by the Treasurer (Hon Mr Justice Caulfield).

Mrs Malcolm Innes was in attendance.

By command of The Queen, the Lord Hesketh (Lord in Waiting) was present at Gatwick Airport, London this morning upon the departure of The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon for Hong Kong and bade farewell to Her Royal Highness on behalf of Her Majesty.

By command of The Queen, the Lord Hesketh was present at Gatwick Airport, London this evening upon the arrival of The President of the Republic of Costa Rica and Sênora de Arias and welcomed Their Excellencies on behalf of Her Majesty.

KENSINGTON PALACE
May 14: The Prince of Wales, President, The Prince's Youth Business Trust, this morning attended a Reception for the Trust's Regional Appeal at the City Chambers, Glasgow.

In the afternoon His Royal Highness, President, Scottish Business in the Community, presented the SCOTBIC Business Awards at the Holiday Inn, Glasgow.

The Prince of Wales, attended by Sir John Riddell, Bt and the Hon Rupert Fairfax, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

The Princess of Wales this evening attended the British Paraplegic Sports Society Ball at Osterley Park, Osterley, Middlesex.

Miss Alexandra Loyd and Lieutenant-Commander Richard Aylard, RN were in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE, RICHMOND PARK
May 14: Princess Alexandra, Patron, this afternoon visited the National Heart Hospital, Westmoreland Street, London W1.

Lady Mary Mumford was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
May 14: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon left London (Gatwick) Airport this morning in an aircraft of Cathay Pacific Airways to visit the People's Republic of China and Hong Kong.

Her Royal Highness was received at the Airport by Madame Zhang Youyun (representing his Excellency The Ambassador of the People's Republic of China), Sir Donald Logan (representing the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs), Mr Guy Bell (Chairman, Gatwick Airport Limited), and Mr John Swire (Chairman, Cathay Pacific Airways).

The Hon Mrs Whitehead and Major The Lord Napier and Ettrick were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
May 14: The Duke of Gloucester, as Patron, was present this evening at the Annual General Meeting of The Kensington Society at The Town Hall, Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, W8.

Lt Col Sir Simon Bland was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
May 14: The Duchess of Kent, as Patron of the National Society for Cancer Relief, today visited Isabel Wing Day Hospice, Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire.

Mrs Peter Wilmot-Sitwell was in attendance.

Zara Phillips is six today.

A tribute to Viola Dowager Duchess of Westminster will be held at St Michael's, Chester Square, on Tuesday, June 30, at 6.00 pm.

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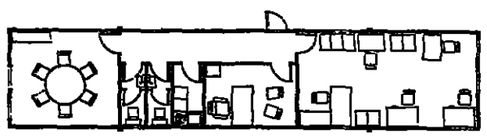

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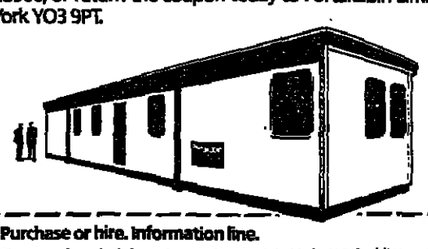

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Sale room

High priced small print

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

New York auctioneers could not put a foot wrong on Wednesday with bidders bursting to spend their money on pictures, prints and Americana.

A good impression of Albrecht Dürer's famous engraving of 1514, "Melancolia", set a new auction price record for the master printmaker at $511,500 (estimate $180,000-$240,000) or £290,625 selling to a New York dealer. The costly piece of paper measures only 9½ by 7½ inches.

Another extraordinary price was the $192,000 (estimate $60,000-$80,000) or £109,375 paid by a New York dealer for a drypoint by Mary Cassatt entitled "The Letter". Mary Cassatt is America's very own Impressionist, a gifted and well born Pennsylvanian who settled in Paris and became a close friend of Degas.

The print sale made £1,292,500 with one per cent unsold, a failure rate that underlines the strength of the market.

While expensive modern pictures ran to record price levels at the beginning of the week, competition was, if anything, more intense for cheaper, more accessible works. This was reflected in pictures and drawings as well as prints. Christie's secondary picture sale was only six per cent unsold and included an Odilon Redon "Orphée" at $264,000 (estimate $60,000-$80,000) or £155,294. The top price in the drawings sale was $352,000 (estimate $150,000-$200,000) or £207,059 paid by a Japanese dealer for a Chagall gouache, "Femme nue au coq bleu".

American collectors are great patriots and a copy of the four page first printing of the U.S. Constitution, dating from 1787, made $110,000 (estimate $40,000-$60,000) or £62,500 at Sotheby's, the top price in a sale of printed Americana which was left with two per cent unsold.

Ted Dexter is 52 today

Birthdays today

Professor Sir James Baddiley, biochemist, 69; Mr Michael Barry, former principal, LAMDA, 77; Sir Ralph Bateman, former president, CBI, 77; Sir William Batty, former chairman, Ford Motor Company, 74; Mr D.M. Boston, director, Horniman Museum, 56; Miss Eugenia Charles, Prime Minister of Dominica, 68; Lord Darling, 68; Mr Ted Dexter, cricketer, 52; Mr R.A Hough, writer, 65; Lord McDonald, 71; Sir Frederick Mason, diplomat, 74; Professor P.A Reynolds, former vice-chancellor, Lancaster University, 67; Mr Anthony Shaffer and Mr Peter Shaffer, playwrights, 61; Mr Richard Tompkins, founder, Green Shield Trading Stamp Company, 69; the Earl of Warwick, 53.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Klemens Metternich, statesman, Coblenz, Germany, 1773; Pierre Curie, physicist, Nobel laureate 1903, Paris, 1859; Katherine Anne Porter, writer, Indian Creek, Texas, 1890.
DEATHS: Richard Wilson, landscape painter, Llanberis, 1782; Edmund Kean, actor, London, 1833; Emily Dickinson, poet, Amherst, Massachusetts, 1886; Philip Snowden, Viscount Snowden, Chancellor of the Exchequer 1924, 1929-31, Tilford, Surrey, 1937; Herbert Wilcox, film producer, 1977.

Today's royal engagements

The Prince of Wales, Patron of the British Film Institute, accompanied by the Princess of Wales, will attend British Day at the Cannes Film Festival.

Princess Anne, Patron of the College of Occupational Therapists, will attend the annual conference at the Bournemouth International Conference Centre, Bournemouth, at 2.55, and will present fellowship awards and attend the Casson Memorial lecture.

The Duke of Gloucester will open the Crown and County Court at Peterborough at 11.00.

The Duchess of Gloucester will attend a reception at the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists at 27 Sussex Place, Regent's Park, at 6.00.

Reception

Rayne Institute, St Thomas' Hospital
Lord Rayne was the guest of honour at a reception held yesterday at St Thomas' Hospital to mark the tenth anniversary of the Rayne Institute. Sir John Prideaux, chairman of the special trustees of the hospital, also spoke.

Memorial Service

Miss Joan Greenwood

A memorial service for Miss Joan Greenwood was held yesterday at the Actors' Church, St Paul's, Covent Garden. The Rev Michael Hurst-Bannister, senior chaplain, Actors' Church Union, officiated. Miss Margaretta Scott read *The Prayer of St Francis*. Miss Anne Leon read *The Owl and the Pussycat* by Edward Lear, Mr Jason Morell, son, read from *Orlando* by Virginia Woolf, Miss Dorothy Tutin read from a review of Hedda Gabler and Miss Jennifer Saunders read from *Song of the Good People* by Bertolt Brecht.

Miss Jenny Wren sang two songs by Ivor Novello *Fly Home Little Heart* and *Rose of England*. Mr Greville Poke read *A Field of Mustard* by A.E. Coppard, Miss Valerie Hobson read *The Voyage* (anon), Mr Stewart Granger read *When I Have Fears* by Noel Coward and Mr Maurice Denham read *Our Revels Now Are Ended* from *The Tempest* by William Shakespeare. Among those present were:

Viscount and Viscountess Falkland, the Hon John Lambton, Lady Lanbury, Major-General Sir Roy Redgrave, Mr Emlyn Williams, Mr Timothy West and Miss Prunella Scales, Miss Elisabeth Welch, Mr John McCallum and Miss Googie Withers, Miss Angharad Rees, Miss Jill Balcon, Miss Elspeth March, Mr John Proudmo, Mr Peter Plouviez (British Actors' Equity Association) and Mrs Plouviez, Mr and Mrs Marius Goring, Mr Richard Eyre, Mr and Mrs Gordon Jackson, Mr and Mrs Andrew Cruickshank, Miss Joyce Carey, Miss Jill Bennett, Mr Dennis Arundell, Mr Michael Codron, Miss Amanda Barrie, Miss Paula Wilcox, Miss Kitty Black, Miss Muriel Pavlow, Mr Ned Sherrin, Mr Martin Tickner (Combined Theatrical Charities Appeals Council), Mrs Michael Relph, Miss Bridget Espinosa, Mr William Chappell, Miss Dawn French, Miss Ruby Wax, Mrs George More O'Ferrall, Miss May Pawsey, Mr Charles Vance, Mr K Sephton (Gallery First Nighters Club) with Miss Anne Suter; Mr Peter Glance (Black Watch Association), Mr Maurice Kaufmann, Mr David Profumo, Mr Paul Jepson, Mr Christian Dyall, Mr David Johnson, Miss Jenny Hawkins, Mr Michael Linnit, Mr Kieran Tunney, Mr Peter Willmore, Mr Peter Greenwell, Mr Tom Custome, Miss Joanna Dunham and Mr Peter Jukes.

Service Dinner

The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders
The Queen dined with officers of The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders' Dinner Club at the Caledonian Club last night to mark the fortieth anniversary of her appointment as Colonel-in-Chief. Lieutenant-General Sir Patrick Palmer presided and Lieutenant-General J.M.C. Garrod, Commandant General of the Royal Marines, attended.

Dinners

Lincoln's Inn
Princess Anne attended a Grand Day dinner given by Mr Justice Caulfield, Treasurer, and Masters of the Bench of Lincoln's Inn in Hall last night. The guests included:

The Lord President of the Council, Lord Oaksey, Lord Templeman (treasurer, Middle Temple), Sir Ceraint Evans, Sir John Tooley, Major-General J I H Owen, Mr Piers Paul Read, Miss Mary Caulfield, Mrs S Wheeler, Mr A R Pilkington, Mrs J M Carver, Miss Janet Suzman, Miss Penelope Keith, Mr Jonio O'Neill, Miss Kate Adie, Miss Sue Lawley, Miss Lizzie Webb and Captain P M Carver (under treasurer).

Inner Temple
Judge Hawser, QC, Treasurer, and Masters of the Bench of the Inner Temple entertained the following guests at dinner on Wednesday in Hall, it being Grand Day of Easter Term:

Viscount Tonypandy, the Right Rev Hugh Montefiore, Baroness Warnock, the Hon Douglas Hurd, MP, Mr Roy Jenkins, MP, Mr John Smith, QC, MP, the Master of the Rolls, Mr Justice Caulfield (treasurer, Lincoln's Inn), General Sir Frank Kitson, Dame Gwyneth Jones, Dame Iris Murdoch, Sir Geraint Evans, Sir Richard Attenborough, Sir John Tooley, Sir Robin Day, Sir Roy and Lady Strong, Mr J S Ward, Mr Ian Wallace, Mr J A Birch, Mr Michael Williams and Miss Judi Dench, Mrs Lewis Hawser, Mr Ludovic Kennedy, Mr Peregrine Worsthorne and Captain P T Sheehan (sub-treasurer).

Chief Constables' Club
The Hon Douglas Hurd, Secretary of State for the Home Department, was the guest of honour at the annual dinner of the Chief Constables' Club held last night at the Savoy Hotel. Mr David Hall, Chief Constable of Humberside, presided.

Chartered Building Societies Institute
Mr J.M. Fry, Chairman of the Chartered Building Societies Institute, presided at the annual dinner held last night at the Hilton hotel. The other speakers were Sir Jeffrey Benson and Mr Simon Lattimer, Headmaster of Shrewsbury School.

Primrose League
Lord Murton of Lindisfarne presided at the annual dinner of the Primrose League held last night at St James's Hotel. Sir Geoffrey Finsberg, MP, was the principal guest and speaker. Among those present were:

Lady Murton of Lindisfarne, Judith Lady Roberts (chairman, Ladies Churchill Chapter), Sir John and Lady Langford-Holt, Lady Finsberg, Mr W L Grant (treasurer) and Mrs Grant and Mr W L Smith (chairman, political committee).

Royal Society of St George
Mr John Minshull-Fogg, accompanied by Mrs Minshull-Fogg, presided at a dinner given by the City of London branch of the Royal Society of St George last night at the City Livery Club, Sion College. Admiral Sir Peter Herbert, Chairman of SSAFA, Mr Deputy Bernard L. Morgan, branch president, and the Rev Basil Watson also spoke. Among those present were:

Lady Herbert, Sir William and Lady Harris, Mr Alderman and Mrs Clive Martin, the Chief Commoner, Mr and Mrs George Gibbs, Mr Percy Crickmell, Mr Deputy and Mrs Alfred Shundler, Mr and Mrs Charles Coward, Mr and Mrs Charles Fairweather, Mr and Mrs Brian Boreham and Mr and Mrs William Fraser.

Families for Defence
Lady Olga Maitland, Chairman of Families for Defence Patrons Club, presided at a dinner, sponsored by Sir Antony Buck, QC, MP, at the House of Commons last night. Mr Timothy Renton, Minister of State at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, was the guest speaker. Among those present were:

Pamela Marchioness of Huntly, Mr R C Brownlow, Major and Mrs K Czarnecki, Mr J S Davidson, Mr and Mrs J de Grimaldi, Mrs J S Hatton, Mr Robin Hay, the Rev M Hewett, Miss June MacIntyre, Mr and Mrs H Robbins, Mr P Fuhrt-Snethlage, Count Paolo Filo della Torre and Mr Miles Young.

Queen Mary College
Professor Ian Butterworth, Principal of Queen Mary College, was host at a dinner held last night at the college to mark the conferment of fellowships on Professor Keble W Sykes, Dr Peggy P. Holmes and Judge Lipman, and the honorary fellowship on Rabbi Sir Immanuel Jakobovits.

Association of Average Adjusters
Mr Justice Sheen, Chairman of the Association of Average Adjusters, presided at the annual dinner held last night at the Savoy Hotel. The guests included Lord Brandon of Oakbrook, Lord Griffiths, Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, and Mr Justice Mustill.

University College London

At a ceremony held on Monday, the following new fellows and honorary fellows were admitted to the Fellowship of the University College London:

Fellows: Professor G V P Chamberlain, Mr I H Cohen, Dr Enriqueta Frankfort, Professor R W Guillery, Dr K U Ingold (in absentia), Professor J C Percival (in absentia), Mr G E M de Ste Croix, Mr J H Smith, Dr P J Verrill, Professor H S Wolff. Honorary Fellows: Professor H L A Hart, Mr W W Slack.

Sir James Lighthill, provost, presided at a dinner held afterwards. Among those present were: Sir Peter Matthews, (chairman of the College Council), Sir James Hamilton, (vice-chairman of the College Council), Lord Goodman, CH, Dame Margaret Booth, Sir Kenneth Christofas, Sir Leslie Fowden, Sir John Hanbury, Sir Frank Hartley, Sir Andrew Huxley, OM, Sir David Innes Williams, Sir Jack Jacob, QC, Sir Laurence Kirwan, Sir Roy Marshall, Sir Randolph Quirk, Sir Denis Rooke, Sir Arthur Snellgrove, Sir Bernard Waley-Cohen, Sir Frederick Warner, Sir Robert Williams, together with Professor D E N Davies, with Professor D V I Fairweather, (Vice-Provost) and Major-General I H Baker, (secretary of the College).

Forthcoming marriages

Mr D.N. Bishop and Miss C.E. Thompson
The engagement is announced between David Neil, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Morris Bishop, of The Gables, Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire, and Clare Elisabeth, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs John Thompson, of Peach Farm House, Fifehead St Quintin, Dorset.

Mr J.G. Brock and Miss H.J. Wood
The engagement is announced between James, son of the late Mr Gordon Brock and Mrs Gwen Brock, of Seale, Farnham, and Hilary, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Derek Wood, of Moseley, Birmingham.

Mr P.C.W. Davey and Miss M.C. McCallum
The engagement is announced between Paul Charles William, son of Mr and Mrs W.J. Davey, of Paignton, Devon, and Mary Catriona, younger daughter of Professor and Mrs R.I. McCallum, of Edinburgh.

Mr J.E. Grant and Miss F.J.E. Hooper
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, elder son of Mr and Mrs E.G.M. Grant, of Raleigh, North Carolina, United States, and Fiona, youngest daughter of Mrs Stella Hooper, of Wrington, Avon, and the late Lieutenant-Colonel R.G. Hooper.

Lieutenant M. Harriman, RN, and Miss J.L. Williams
The engagement is announced between Martin, son of Mr and Mrs G. Harriman, of Leeds, Yorkshire, and Janet, daughter of Mr and Mrs M. Williams, also of Leeds, Yorkshire.

Mr P.M. Healy and Miss P. Scandrett
The engagement is announced between Paul Michael Healy, of Melbourne, third son of Mr and Mrs J.A. Healy, of London, NW11, and Penny, daughter of Mr and Mrs M. Scandrett, of Melbourne.

Mr J.W. Huelin and Miss I.M. Lennon
The engagement is announced between Jeremy, son of Mr and Mrs W.A. Huelin, of Jersey, Channel Islands, and Isabelle, daughter of Mr and Mrs D.P. Lennon, of St Helens, Merseyside.

Mr J.J. McEvaddy and Miss K.M. Thompson
The engagement is announced between James Jarlath, youngest son of Mr and Mrs M. McEvaddy, of Connemara, Co Galway, and Kristina Mary, only daughter of Dr and Mrs David C. Thompson, of Pitt Cottage, Bowling Green Close, London, SW15.

Mr S.R. Richards and Miss R.M. Thornton
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Richards, of Melbourne, Australia, and Rachel, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Thornton, of Fort Road, Guildford, Surrey.

Mr C.B.P. Thomas and Miss J.M. Gaskell
The engagement is announced between Crispin, younger son of Mr G.H.P. Thomas, of Bath, and Mrs G.M. Thomas, of Poole, Dorset, and Joanna, only daughter of Dr and Mrs T.F. Gaskell, of Bexhill, Sussex.

Mr M.E. Walker and Fräuleine G. Eichelberg
The engagement is announced between Michael, only son of Mrs R. Walker and the late Mr D. Walker, of Pimlico, London, and Gabriele, youngest daughter of Herr and Frau H. Eichelberg, of Porz-am-Rhein, Germany.

Mr M. Whitton and Miss S.J. Wathen
The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mr and Mrs P. Whitton, of Bradford-on-Tone, Somerset, and Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs M. Wathen, of Milverton, Somerset.

Marriages

Mr D. Hopkins and Mrs V. Peele
The marriage took place at the Church of St Nicholas, Oddington, Gloucestershire, on Saturday, May 9, of Mr Dudley Hopkins, of Shipton under Wychwood, Oxfordshire, and Mrs Vivien Peele, of Oddington, widow of Richardson Peele.

Mr P. Mann and Miss J.M.C. Gunn
The marriage took place on Saturday, May 2, at St Mary's Parish Church, Wargrave, Berkshire, between Mr Philip Mann, eldest son of Mr and Mrs P.R. Mann, of Louth, Lincolnshire, and Miss Jessica Gunn, daughter of Dr and Mrs A.D.G. Gunn, of The Old Barn, School Lane, Wargrave. The Rev John W. Ratings officiated.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Joy Jenkins, Lucinda Gearey and Emma Green attended her. Mr Graham King was best man.

A reception was held at The White Hart, Sonning, and the honeymoon will be spent in Provence.

Dr J.A. Oddy and Miss J.M. Owen
The marriage took place on May 9, 1987, at St Andrew's Church, Streatham, London, of Dr John Arthur Oddy and Miss Jessie Marguerite Owen. The Rev D.C. Ward and the Rev M. Watts officated.

OBITUARY

RICHARD ELLMANN

Interpreter of Yeats and Joyce

Professor Richard Ellmann, the American critic, biographer and translator, best-known for his work on James Joyce, died in Oxford on May 13. He was 69.

Richard Ellmann was born in Highland Park, a quiet enclave of Detroit, Michigan, on March 15, 1918. His father was a lawyer and his two brothers went into the law, but he soon made up his mind to become a teacher of English literature.

He graduated at Yale in 1941. As an instructor in English at Harvard, he was halfway through a dissertation on Yeats when war service interrupted him. He served in the US Navy and the Office of Strategic Services. The OSS posted him to London, and while there he spent a leave in Dublin. Here he called on Yeats's widow. She liked him and suggested he return after the war.

After demobilisation he went to Trinity College, Dublin, for a year (1946-7). There he wrote what was, until that time, the best-informed critical biography of Yeats, *Yeats - The Man and the Masks* (1948). This was well received, and was commended for its engaging frankness, high intelligence and clear relevance to what was important in its subject.

On his return to Harvard Ellmann became Briggs-Copeland Assistant Professor of English Composition (1948-51); he then spent a period at North Western University, Illinois, as Franklin Bliss Snyder Professor. He stayed there until 1968.

Meanwhile he wrote yet another Yeats study, *The Identity of Yeats* (1954), of which he made an extended revision ten years later. This almost completed his work on the Irish poet, and, taken together, the two books still comprise an important part of the available criticism of him. Ellmann succeeded in his intention not to concentrate too much either on pure criticism or pure biography; he wanted to create a bridge between the two ways of seeing Yeats and, beyond him, all writers.

He translated the works of the Belgian poet, Henri Michaux, who he rightly felt "offered a counter to Yeats". The fruits of this work appeared in the invaluable *Selected writings of Henri Michaux* (1960).

His major achievement, the biography *James Joyce* (1959), was begun after Mrs Yeats had given him a vivid account of her husband's first encounter with Joyce, and of the latter's "impudence". Ellmann wrote a magazine article in 1951 on the literary and personal relations between the two men, and this turned into the massive biography in which, with well acknowledged success, he tried to present Joyce's life and work with something of the immediacy of experience.

It won him the National Book Award.

Everything after that came as something of an anti-climax. But there were half a dozen more scholarly books - the most outstanding, perhaps, being *Eminent Domain* (1967).

Ellmann was always at his best when dealing with actual lives; on critical ideas he was sound but much less exciting. He edited almost a score of books, many of them (again) indispensable. *The Modern Tradition* (1965) must be mentioned as a superb collection of essential texts; so must his edition of Joyce's letters (he edited the second and third volumes, 1966).

In the new Oxford Book of American Verse (1976) he was much less sure of himself, but the anthology has none the less presented a formidable challenge to any successor trying to do the same thing.

His *Ulysses on the Liffey* (1972) was based on his Elliot memorial lectures at the University of Kent in the previous year.

He received many awards and honours. In 1949 Ellmann married Mary Donahue, of Newbury, Massachusetts; they had one son and two daughters.

CDR DAVID SWANSTON

Commander David Swanston, DSO, DSC and Bar, former Deputy Serjeant at Arms in the House of Commons, and a distinguished wartime submariner, died on May 4, at the age of 68.

Swanston commanded the submarine *Shakespeare* during a particularly valiant episode in the Far East.

He got his first DSC as First Lieutenant of *Upright* in 1941 when she sank the Italian cruiser, *Armando Diaz*. He was involved in *Upright's* later attacks on Italian merchant shipping during which she sank two large freighters.

His second DSC came in 1942 when he was First Lieutenant of *Graph*. This submarine, originally a German U-Boat which had been captured in 1941, operated with great success, especially against U-Boats.

In 1944 he took command of the submarine, *Shakespeare*, on the East Indies station. While on patrol off the Andaman Islands in January 1945 *Shakespeare* torpedoed a Japanese merchant ship. Two days later she sighted a second, and Swanston decided to attack with his gun on the surface, to conserve his torpedoes.

The freighter sent out an SOS which was responded to with alacrity by a Japanese submarine chaser, whose gunfire holed *Shakespeare's* hull. Swanston sent two telegraphists out onto the saddle-tanks where they tried to stuff blankets in the gaping rents in the metal. In the course of this attempt one of the men fell into the water, and in manoeuvring to recover him, *Shakespeare* came into point-blank range of the sub-chaser's guns, suffering further severe damage. Her own three-inch gun had continued to return fire, spiritedly, however, and one shell penetrated the sub-chaser's engine room, bringing her to a stop and enabling *Shakespeare* to limp away.

This was not the end of her tribulations. The sub-chaser had called up aircraft, which swiftly arrived on the scene and subjected *Shakespeare* to eight hours of bombing and strafing attacks. These she miraculously survived until darkness fell and enabled her to get away.

Still at limping speed from the damage she had sustained, *Shakespeare* rendezvoused two days later with the submarine *Stygian*, who towed her back to her base in Ceylon.

His resolution in command during this battle earned Swanston the DSO.

After the war he had further submarine commands, and was, for a time, Naval Liaison Officer at Sandhurst, before being invalided out of the service in 1955.

In 1957 he was appointed Assistant Serjeant at Arms in the Commons, and in 1976 deputy, a post he held until he retired in 1981. Swanston was a loyal servant of the House, always ready to apply his experience in finding solutions to the administrative problems which face Members of Parliament.

Swanston's first marriage to Sheila Ann Lang was dissolved. His second wife, Joan, died in 1985. A son of the first marriage, and a son and a daughter of the second, survive him.

SIR ANDREW NOBLE, Bt

Sir Andrew Napier Noble, Bt, KCMG, a highly professional diplomat remembered for his efficiency in administration at the Foreign Office, died on April 30. He was 82.

"Paddy" Noble was born on September 16, 1904, and educated at Eton and Balliol College, Oxford. His Scottish connections fascinated him and after his retirement he wrote a *History of the Nobles of Ardmore and of Ardkinglas*. He succeeded his father as the second baronet in 1938.

After entering the Foreign Service in 1928 he served in Rio de Janeiro, Rome, China and Buenos Aires. His remarkable flair for administration was recognised in 1947 by his appointment as a Foreign Office Inspector, a task he performed with notable firmness and fairness. Subsequently, in an effort to stem the ever-increasing flood of paper, he was given the job of examining all diplomatic telegrams, with wide powers to question, amend and if necessary stop them: he claimed he was so successful that he saved the Government the equivalent of his salary as Assistant Under-Secretary of State in a few weeks. Young diplomats at the time remember him as a most exacting and very professional taskmaster from whom they learned much.

In 1954 Noble was sent as Ambassador to Warsaw, where his administrative skills and firmness were badly needed. Embassies in Mexico (1956-60) and the Netherlands (1960-64) followed. He emphasised the commercial side of diplomacy, which was at the time largely neglected, and entertained widely and generously.

Noble married in 1934 Sigrid (Sisi) Michelet, daughter of a Norwegian diplomat. They had two sons and a daughter. He is succeeded in the baronetcy by his elder son, Ian.

PROFESSOR J. T. WARD

Professor John T. Ward, a scholar who became known for challenging the "dark satanic mills" school of nineteenth-century British history, has died in Glasgow, where he was Professor of Modern History at Strathclyde University. He was 56.

Educated at Leeds Grammar School and Magdalene College, Cambridge, his first appointment was to the new Faculty of Social Science in Queen's College, Dundee. There it rapidly became apparent from his PhD thesis on the factory reform movement that he was not simply to become a specialist on the "1815-50 period" but, informed by his own Tory beliefs, he could rival the interpretations of the fashionable historians of the 1920s and 1930s.

Although offered a safe seat, he decided against a career in politics and when he moved to Glasgow settled down to become a prolific writer, without any sacrifice of scholarship.

His work, in books, articles and specialist teaching, largely within his favourite 1815-50 period, fanned out from factory reform to Chartism. His own political consciousness directed him to the role of great landowners, on which he endorsed and supplemented the pioneer work of David Spring. His basic belief that history is about human beings attracted him to biography and his life of Sir James Graham, Peel's lieutenant, is definitive.

His other titles included *Chartism* (1973), *Popular Movements c.1830-50* (1970) and *Land and Industry* (1972). He was official historian of the Scottish Tory Party and secretary of the Scottish Constitutional Committee chaired by Lord Home.

He was an "historian's historian," employing only the traditional tools of painstaking research, skilful organization and urbane presentation.

Aside from an interest in philately, he relaxed little from research and writing, often into the not so small hours of the morning.

He is survived by his wife, and a son.

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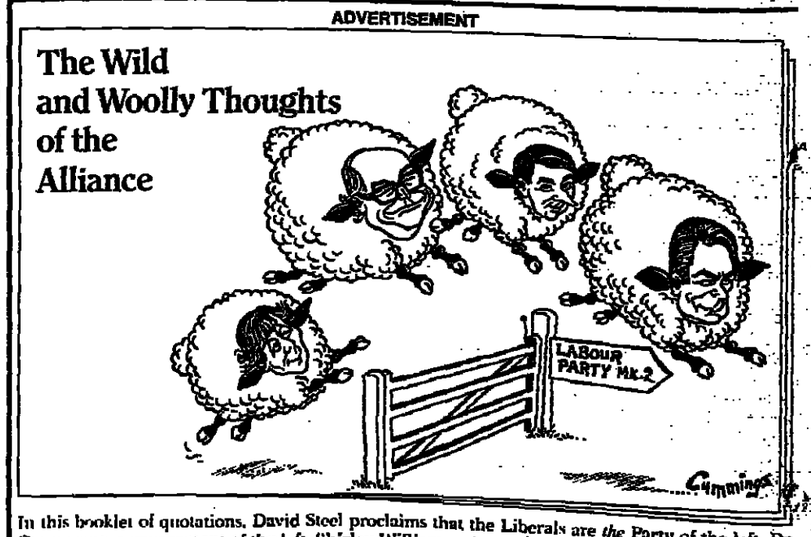

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.
St. Luke 4 : 4

BIRTHS

BACKHOUSE - On May 11th, to Victoria (née Richards) and Gavin, a daughter, Tabitha Lucy.

BARBER - On May 12th, in Canterbury, to Penny and Roger, a daughter, Tiffany Faith, a sister for Amelia Charity.

BENTON - On May 12th 1987, in Shrewsbury, to Anne (née Rosier) and David, a son, Phillip John.

COOMBE - On May 14th, at P.M.H. Swindon, to Patricia (née Ingledow) and Timothy, a son, Sebastian Timothy Jackson.

FICKLING - On April 16th, to Helena and Michael, a son, Hugh Bemister George a brother for James and Harriet.

HAZLERIGG - On May 13th 1987, to Laura and Arthur, a son.

HOLT - On May 10th, at Lincoln County Hospital, to Sarah (née Hernon) and Charles, a son, Alexander Charles Rayner.

HUTTON - On May 8th, to Jane (née Perrins) and Roger, a son, Thomas William John, a brother for Louisa.

LIM - On May 1st, in New York, to Laura (née Gibb) and Thiam Joo, a daughter, Suzannah, a sister for Rebecca.

MERCER - On May 14th at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, to Helena (née Wilkinson) and Martin, a daughter.

MILLS - On May 13th, to Alison (née Spicer) and Hallam, a son, Alexander (Alec) Peter Hallam.

PITT - On May 13th, at Frimley Park, to Gillian (née Begbie) and Christopher, a daughter, a sister for Charlotte.

SAMUEL - On May 10th, at St Mary's Hospital Paddington, to Frances (née Draper) and Richard, a daughter, Victoria.

SIESE - On May 8th, to Fiona (née Collins) and Andrew, a son, Thomas.

SKIPPER - On May 12th, to Belinda (née Norton) and Andrew, a daughter, Emma Cecilia.

SLADE - On May 12th, in Luxembourg, to Sally (née Hale) and Stephen, a daughter, Verity May, a sister for Robin.

THOMAS - On May 11th, to Clivena (née Bainger) and Martyn, a son, Harry David Vaughan.

THOMAS - On May 3rd 1987, in Cardiff, to Barbara (née Keefe) and Ian, a son, Robert Rhys, a brother for Bronwen and Judith.

WALKER - On May 14th 1987, to Rosemary (née Tuck) and Adrian, a son.

WUNBERG - On May 1st, at Mt Sinai Hospital, New York, to Sandra (née Sasser) and Christian, a son, Nicholas Scott.

MARRIAGES

COLLINS:HALL - On Thursday 14th May 1987, Gary Michael Collins to Valerie Elizabeth Hall.

KEIL-MARCAR The wedding took place on Friday May 8th at The Chelsea Registry Office between Mr John Michael Maclean Kiel and Mrs Lise Marcar.

TRAVIS:LOUDON - The marriage took place in London on April 16th 1987, between Rupert James Leigh Travis of Wrangaton, Devon and Mairi Louden of Lanark, Scotland.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

TOGHER : GRIFFIN
On 15th May 1937 in Upminster, Patrick Joseph to Nora. With all our love and thanks. Michael, Moya, Edward and Nonie - have a wonderful day.

DEATHS

BOSANQUET - On May 9th 1987, at Leybourne Grange Hospital, Albinia Mary Agnes, aged 71. Much loved daughter of Jeffrey and Mildred Bosanquet, and sister of Dawn Daniel. Funeral private.

BROOKE - On May 13th, 1987, Humphrey Arnulf Frederick, peacefully at a Parkstone Nursing Home. Formerly of Kuala Lumpur. Much loved by all who knew him. Funeral service at Poole Crematorium on Tuesday May 19th, at 2.30 p.m. Flowers may be sent to Mews Funeral Directors, 6 Bournemouth Road, Parkstone, Dorset. Tel: 0202 741169.

BURTON - On May 7th, in Brompton Hospital, Hal, after illness borne bravely and with dignity. Will be sadly missed by relatives and many friends. Funeral Service took place at Golders Green Crematorium East Chapel on Thursday May 14th at 3.20pm. All enquiries to John Hemp 01 229 5544.

CHAMBERLAIN - On May 12th, Ronald, aged 86. Loving and beloved husband, father, grandfather and brother. Funeral service on Wednesday May 20th at The Free Church, Hampstead Garden Suburb at 2pm. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to Chest, Heart and Stroke Association.

CLEVELAND - On May 12th 1987 peacefully in hospital, Ann aged 63 years, loving wife of David, devoted mother to William and Elizabeth, Michael and Melanie, Robert and Maria, and a darling granny to six grandsons and three grand-daughters. The funeral service will take place at Christchurch, East Sheen on Thursday May 21st at 11.00 am followed by cremation at Mortlake Crematorium.

COPE - On May 13th, suddenly at his Washington home, Dr. S. Raymond, formerly with World Bank, one day before his 80th birthday.

DOLMAN - On May 13th 1987, suddenly in Hospital, Nanel Lorna Lloyd Dolman (née Lloyd-Davies), resident at The Hotel Russell, London, formerly of Westbury-on-Trym. Funeral service at Old St Pancras Church, Pancras Road, London NW1, on Wednesday May 20th at 12 noon followed by private burial at South Water. Enquiries to Leverton & Sons Ltd (01-387 6075).

FRANCIS - On April 13th 1987, peacefully, James Francis of Hounslow Middlesex. The Cremation took place at Hanworth. Enquiries 28 Featherbed Lane, Addington, Croydon, Surrey. CR0 9AE.

FRASER - On May 13th, peacefully at St. Georges Nursing Home. V.E. Fraser, 'Moth', mother of Nigel, Shelagh and Moyra, grandmother of Carol, Guy and Paul. Funeral private.

HARVEY - On May 12th, peacefully, Eric Thomas B.Comm ARIB of 18, Walnut Avenue, Rustington, West Sussex, aged 75. Formerly Westminster Bank and Senior International Executive, National Westminster Bank. Baring bravely his illness during the last few months, he will be dearly missed by his wife Joyce, son John and grandson Warwick. Funeral service on Wednesday May 20th at Worthing Crematorium, Findon. Family flowers only, donations if desired to St. Barnabas Home, c/o F.A. Holland & Son, Terminus Road, Littlehampton.

MURRAY - On May 13th 1987, R. Allan, peacefully at St Charle's Hospital, beloved husband of E. Mick Murray. Funeral private and grateful thanks to all hospital staff.

NORTH - On May 10th 1987, peacefully in Hawkhurst Cottage Hospital, Ronald Neville Guest, of Paul's Farm, Hawkhurst, father of Caroline, grandfather of Ben and Tom. Cremation at Tunbridge Wells on Tuesday May 19th at 12 noon. Donations if desired to Hawkhurst Cottage Hospital League of Friends, Hawkhurst, Kent.

PADWICK - On May 6th, peacefully in Vancouver, Peter Harold aged 59, husband of the late Shelagh and of Jean, dear father, grandfather and brother, and much loved Doctor.

RAW - On May 12th, peacefully, after a short illness, Margaret (née Bunting) aged 70 years. Beloved wife of Murray and mother of Jennifer, Peter, Carolyn, Martin and Philip. Funeral 2pm, Wednesday 20th May at Westbury-on-Trym Baptist Church, Bristol. Donations Cystic Fibrosis Research Trust, c/o 120 Bellmore Road, Southampton, SO1 2QY.

THORNYCROFT - On May 12th, suddenly at Bembridge I.W., Peter Thomas. Family funeral. Memorial Service at Holy Trinity Bembridge at 2.30pm Wednesday June 10th. No flowers, donations if desired to R.N.L.I. local branch.

WALLER - On Wednesday May 13th 1987, William Richard (Bill) Maj. R.A. (Ret'd), of Sherborne, Dorset, beloved husband of Jo and much loved father of Richard, Peter and Mark. Thanksgiving Service at Castleton Church, Sherborne on Thursday May 21st at 3.00pm. No flowers, but donations if desired to Royal British Legion c/o Eason, Newell, Sherborne, Dorset.

WILLIAMS - On May 13th 1987, peacefully at 14 Penllwyn Park, Carmarthen, Vaughan Morgan Williams, of Gwynondale, Llanarthne, Carmarthen Dyfed. Chief Executive of Carmarthen District Council, dearly loved brother of Valerie and uncle of Cathryn, Robert and Caroline Oldham. Funeral public at Llanarthne Parish Church on Saturday May 16th at 2pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to the Cardiac Trust Fund, Glangwili Hospital, Carmarthen, c/o Huw Voyle Williams, Cysgod-y-Llan, Llanddarog, Carmarthen Dyfed.

YOUNG - On May 12th 1987, Richard Cedric Young, of Rivington, Lancashire. Cremation takes place privately today May 15th at Pleasington Crematorium. No letters please.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

RICHARDSON - Francis Michael. Funeral service at St John's Church, Radclive, Buckingham on Monday May 18th at 11.30am. Flowers to Heritage and Sons, Buckingham, or donations, if preferred, for Cancer Research Campaign or St John's Church, Radclive to J. Hounslow, The Humpy, Church Street, Gawcott, near Buckingham.

SHENTON - The Funeral Service of Brian Shenton will be held at Surrey and Sussex Crematorium Worth on Tuesday May 19th at 2.30pm. Flowers, or if preferred donations in his memory to S.P.A.R.K.S. c/o Ebbutt Funeral Service, High Street, Limpsfield, Oxted 713767. To whom all enquiries should be made.

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DREW-SMYTHE - Captain Richard D.S. A remembrance service will be held at St Jude's Parish Church, Englefield Green, Surrey, on Friday June 5th at 4pm. All enquiries to 0784 32313.

SABI - Moussa Dr. A memorial service will be held on Monday May 18th at King David Suite, Great Cumberland Place, London, at 10.30am.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

BILLSON - Captain Geoffrey Leicester, T.D., October 18th 1903 to May 15th 1981. Rest in Peace.

Science report

Breaking waves with a speedy transformation

By Robert Matthews

A professor of engineering at Stanford University in California has developed a mathematical technique that promises to benefit virtually every field of science, from medicine to electrical engineering.

Professor Ronald Bracewell has patented an algorithm that can replace the Fourier Transform, the mathematical technique which for the last 180 years has helped scientists and engineers break down complex wave problems into their constituent pieces.

Technologies as diverse as steel milling and voice recognition systems depend on the ability of Fourier Transforms to convert a wave pattern into a spectrum of frequencies, doing mathematically what a glass prism does with white light.

Bracewell's algorithm is claimed to cut the time needed to carry out the analysis by half, and can be built into microprocessors far smaller than those used to carry out Fourier Transforms.

The original technique was developed chiefly by Baron Jean Baptiste Joseph Fourier (1768-1830), the French mathematician who laid the foundation for modern understanding of how heat passes through solids.

Fourier wanted a way of expressing how heat spreads through a solid. In arriving at the final formula, he found a certain type of integral which had the ability to convert a wave into its constituent parts.

This integral has remained virtually unchanged since its original formulation in 1804, save for the invention of the so-called Fast Fourier Transform, a slightly more efficient way of doing the analysis.

Bracewell had the idea that there might be an even faster way, about five years ago, after working on another transform which had been invented by Ralph Hartley at Bell Laboratories in 1942.

He reasoned that the Hartley Transform, just like the Fourier Transform, should have a "fast" version; but finding it proved an extremely tough task.

"I had a suspicious feeling that it was going to be hard work. Now many years later I can confirm that. It is some of the hardest grinding I ever did. It took me months and months, straining my brain", Bracewell said.

Despite his effort, Bracewell modestly calls his work the Hartley Transform.

There is likely to be massive demand for a chip containing the algorithm, and Bracewell is currently trying to get other Stanford engineers to build a device and patent it.

They will have to work fast; there are already rumours that the Taiwanese have got some way towards bringing out the Hartley chip themselves.

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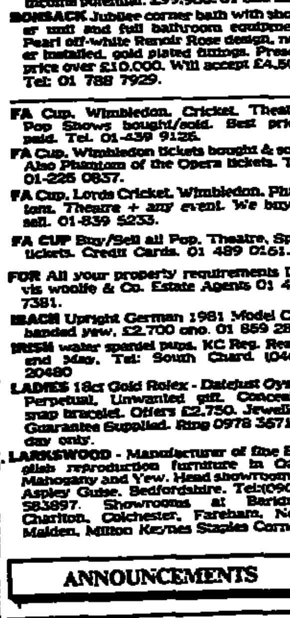

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15th May 1987
COLONEL A.W. DAVIS
Comptroller & Secretary

IN THE MATTER OF H HALFORD & COMPANY LIMITED
BY ORDER of the HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE dated the 15th day of OCTOBER 1986 Mr BRIAN MILLS of BOOTH WHITE & CO, 1 WARDROBE PLACE, CARTER LANE, ST PAULS, LONDON EC4V 5AJ has been appointed Liquidator of the above-named Company with a Committee of Inspection.
Dated this 11th day of May 1987
BRIAN MILLS
Liquidator

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE MATTER OF FACET CREATIVE STUDIOS LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
In accordance with Rule 4.106 of The Insolvency Rules 1986, notice is hereby given that I, Stephen Daniel Swaden, FCA, A Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Messrs Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London W2 6LF, was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the members and creditors on 1st May 1987.
Dated this 1st day of May 1987
Leonard Curtis & Co
Chartered Accountants
PO Box 553
30 Eastbourne Terrace
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THE INSOLVENCY ACT, 1986
STAKEPLUS LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of Creditors of the above named Company will be held at the offices of Messrs Leonard Curtis and Partners, 46 Rodney Street, Liverpool, L1 9AA, on the 19th May 1987 at 12 O'clock noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 98 et seq.
Proxies to be used at the Meeting must be lodged at the registered office of the Company, situated at the offices of Messrs. Leonard Curtis & Partners, 46 Rodney Street, Liverpool L1 9AA, not later than 4.00 in the afternoon on Monday, 18th May 1987.
Messrs. Leonard Curtis & Partners, Chartered Accountants and Licensed Insolvency Practitioners will provide the creditors free of charge with such information as to the Company's affairs as the creditors may reasonably require until the day of the Meeting.
Dated this 4th day of May 1987
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
D. Roberts
Director

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF CREDITORS MEETING
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In accordance with Section 98 (2) Insolvency Act 1986, a list of the company's creditors' names and addresses will be available for inspection free of charge on the two business days prior to the meeting at the offices of S. D. Crawford & Co.
Dated this 7 day of May 1987
By Order of the Board
S CAMERON
Director

RE: RIGGING INTERNATIONAL EUROPE LIMITED
REGISTERED NUMBER: 1080419
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that we N J Hamilton and W J H Elles of Ernst & Whinney, Becket House, 1 Lambeth Palace Road, London SE1 7EU were appointed Joint Administrative Receivers of the above Company on 1st day of May 1987 by Clydesdale Bank Plc.
Dated this 7 day of May 1987
N J Hamilton and W J H Elles
JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERS.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION ORDER
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
In the matter of: CONTROL LASER LIMITED. Nature of Business: MANUFACTURER OF INDUSTRIAL LASERS.
Administration Order made: 11th May 1987.
JOHN FRANCIS DOLEMAN
Administrator.

IN THE MATTER of BAYNOUN LIMITED (formerly ALWITT LIMITED)
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
Notice is hereby given that the creditors of the above-named Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 1st day of June 1987, to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned Arnold Allen of Shipley Blackburn, 14 Regent Street, London SW1, the Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
Dated this 5th of May 1987
A Allen
Liquidator

IN THE MATTER OF CONTAINERWORLD SERVICES LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Creditors of the above-named Company, which is being voluntarily Wound-Up, are required, on or before the 15th day of June 1987, to send in their full Christian and Surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their solicitors (if any) to the undersigned, Mr. Laurence Jack Gerrard and Mr. Richard Jeremy Hyams Chartered Accountants of Laurence Gerrard & Co., Adam House, 14 New Burlington Street, London W1X 2BU the Joint Liquidators of the said Company and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Joint Liquidators, are personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
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Haymarket Theatre, Haymarket, SW1 (01-930 9832). Tube: Piccadilly. Mon-Sat 8-10.30pm, matinée Wed and Sat 3-5.30pm, £4-£13.50, *until* June 13.

☆ **BUILT ON SAND:** New play by Daniel Mornin relating the tragedy of Northern Ireland to the passions of ancient Greece.
Theatre Upstairs, Royal Court Theatre, Sloane Square, SW1 (01-730 2554). Tube: Sloane Square. Mon-Sat 7.30-10pm, Mat Sat 3.30-6pm, Mon, Sat Mat £4, Tues-Thurs £5, Fri and Sat eve £6.

☆ **DESIRE UNDER THE ELMS:** O'Neill's drama of violent passion on a New England farm involving father, new young wife and son.
Greenwich Theatre, Crooms Hill, *London SE10 (01-858 7755).* Station: Greenwich (14 mins from Charing Cross). Mon-Sat 7.45-9.20pm, mat Sat 2.30-4.05pm, Mon-Thurs £3-£6.50, Fri, Sat eve £3-£7.50, Sat mat £3-£4.

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☆ **MUMBO JUMBO:** Mobil award winner about love awakening in a Belfast school.
Lyric Theatre, King Street, W6 (01-741 2311). Tube: Hammersmith. Previews Tues to Thur 7.45-10.15pm. Mat Wed 2.30-5pm. May 18 onwards: Mon to Sat 7.45-10.15pm. Mats Wed 2.30-5pm, Sat 4-6.30pm £5-£10.

☆ **THE TICKET-OF-LEAVE MAN:** Tom "Lofty" Watt plays the prisoner on parole in a once famous Victorian social drama.
Theatre Royal, Gerry Raffles Square, London *E15 (01-534 0310).* Tube: Stratford. Mon-Sat 8-10.45pm, £2-£6.

☆ **WOMAN IN MIND:** Poignant Ayckbourn drama with Pauline Collins as a wife at *her wits' end.*
Vaudeville Theatre, Strand, WC2 (01-836 9987, cc 01-240 7200). Tube: Charing Cross. Mon-Fri 8-10.15pm, Sat 8.30-10.45pm, *matinée* Wed 2.30-4.45pm, Sat 5-7.15pm, £5-£12.50.

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OUT OF TOWN

BIRMINGHAM: ☆ **The Golden Years Of Jack Buchanan:** Peter Woodward stars in his own musical *tribute to the 1930s charmer.*
Repertory Theatre, Broad Street (021-236 4455), 7.30pm, £3.90-£6.90.

BRIGHTON: ☆ **Melon:** New Simon Gray play on pre-London tour, with Alan Bates as another harassed publisher.
Theatre Royal, Brighton (0273 28488), 7.30-9.50, £3.50-£10.

BRISTOL: ☆ **Balmoral:** Revival of Michael Frayn comedy in which Britain had the 1917 Revolution and Russia is still ruled by Tsars.
Old Vic Theatre Royal, King Street (0272 264388). Mon-Wed 7.15pm, Thurs-Sat 7.45pm, £1.70-£7.50.

BURY ST EDMUNDS: ☆ **Not About Heroes:** Stephen McDonald's *resonant account of the meeting* of the Great war poets, Siegfried Sasson and Wilfred Owen.
Theatre Royal, Bury St Edmunds, (0284 69505), 7.30pm, £2-£5.50.

COVENTRY: ☆ *As You Like It:* Lionel Blair plays Touchstone in a hillbilly song and dance production.
Belgrade Theatre, Belgrade Square (0203 553055), Mon-Thurs 7.30-10pm £3.25-£5.50, Fri-Sat 8-10.30pm, £3.50-£5.75.

DERBY: ☆ **My Dad's a Nero:** Premiere of Christopher Denys play about a soldier returning fom World War Two.
Playhouse Theatre, Eagle Centre (0332 363275). Mon-Sat 7.30pm, £2.50.

LIVERPOOL: ☆ **The Ruling Class:** Peter Barnes's black comedy blends together the House Of Lords, madness, God and Jack the Ripper.
Playhouse Theatre, Williamson Square (051 709 8363), Mon-Fri *7.30-10.15pm, Sat 8-10.45pm,* £3-£5.50.

MANCHESTER: ☆ **The Merchant of Venice:** Oslo's Espen Skjonberg rejoins the company to play *Shylock, with Harriet Walter as* Portia.
Royal Exchange Theatre, Cross Street (061 833 9833). Mon-Thurs 7.30pm, Fri-Sat 8pm, matinée Wed 2.30pm, Sat 4pm, £2.50-£8.50.

STRATFORD: ☆ **Fashion:** Doug Lucie's gripping and strongly cast study *of corruption of loyalties in a* PR agency.
The Other Place, Stratford-upon-Avon (0789 295623), Mon-Sat 7.30-10.30pm, £6-£7.

STRATFORD: ☆ **Titus Andronicus:** aka People Pie. Shakespeare's bloodiest play; Elizabethan audiences loved it.
Swan Theatre, Stratford-upon-Avon (0789 295623), Mon-Fri 7.30pm, matinée Thurs and Sat 1.30pm, £7.50-£13.

STRATFORD: ☆ **Temptation:** Latest sharp comedy by Vaclav Havel, Czech dramatist banned in his own country.
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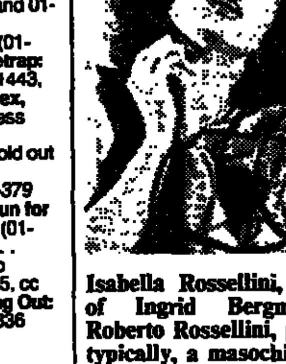

Isabella Rossellini, daughter of Ingrid Bergman and Roberto Rossellini, plays, untypically, a masochistic prostitute and roadhouse singer in *Blue Velvet*, a film by David Lynch. Set in small-town USA, the main message is that sunny façades may contain *dark and dangerous mysteries.* The general public seems to have found *Blue Velvet* a bit too tough, but Lynch devotees will enjoy his sinister style as displayed in previous films including *The Elephant Man.*

84 CHARING CROSS ROAD (U): Transatlantic romance between *Helene Hanff (Anne Bancroft),* book-crazed New Yorker, and a retiring London antiquarian bookseller (Anthony Hopkins). David Jones directs (99min).
☎ **Curzon Mayfair** (01-499 3737). Progs 2.00, 4.10, 6.20, 8.40.

CRIMES OF THE HEART (15): Three sisters – Jessica Lange, Sissy Spacek and Diane Keaton – wrestle with their past and present lives (105 min).
☎ **Odeon Haymarket** (839 7697). Progs 2.15, 5.45, 8.30. Fri 11.40.

DEATH OF A SOLDIER (18): The *true* story of a psychopathic US soldier hanged for killing three Melbourne women in 1942. With James Coburn as the American major on the murderer's trail. Directed by Philippe Mora (93 min).
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 2.00 (not Sun), 4.10, 6.20, 8.35, 11.15.

THE GOOD FIGHT (PG): A straightforward documentary about *American participation in the* Spanish Civil War, mixing archive footage and interview material with survivors of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade. Narrated by Studs Terkel (80 min).
☎ **Rio Cinema** *(01-254 6677). Progs* 4.15 (Sun only), 6.45.

HOUSE II – THE SECOND STORY (15): Unnecessary sequel to last year's low-grade horror film, with *Ayre Gross as the lad who digs up* a magic skull. Written and directed by Ethan Wiley (94 mins).
Leicester Square Theatre (01-930 5252). Progs 2.00, 4.15, 6.30, 8.50, 11.45.

NO MERCY (18): Richard Gere as an undercover cop following a colourful trail through New Orleans and the Lousiana swamps. Richard Pearce directs (108 min).
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). Progs 2.30, 5.15, 8.00, 11.00.
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 *5901). Progs* 1.40, 3.55, 6.10, 8.30, 11.00.
Cannon *Oxford Street (01-636* 0310). Progs 1.35, 3.50, 6.05, 8.25, 11.15.
☎ **Warner West End** (01-439 0791). Progs 1.45, 4.00, 6.20, 8.35, 11.15.

■ **PERSONAL SERVICES (18):** Terry Jones's outrageous comedy, inspired by the life of Cynthia Payne, stars Julie Walters as the London madam (105 min).
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 *5901). Progs 1.55, 4.10, 6.20,* 8.35, 11.20.
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). Progs 2.45, 5.30, 8.20, 11.00.
☎ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636, cc 01-373 6990). Progs 2.00, 6.00, 9.10.
☎ **Cannon Oxford Street** (01-636 0310). Progs 1.40, 3.55, 6.10, 8.30.
☎ **Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue** (01-836 6279). Progs 1.10, 3.30, *5.50, 8.30.*

IL PETOMANE (PG): Cinema's first biographical film devoted to Joseph Pujol, famous practitioner of the noble art of wind-breaking. *Directed by the* late Pasquale Feste Campanile, with top Italian comic Ugo Tognazzi (101 mins).
Cannon Premiere (01-439 4479). Progs 1.55, 4.00, 6.05, 8.10, 10.15.

PRICK UP YOUR EARS (18): Joe Orton's life, loves and times. Strong performances from Gary Oldman and Alfred Molina as the playwright and lover locked into a destructive relationship (110 mins).
☎ **Curzon West End** (01-439 4805). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.15, 8.45, 11.30.

THAT'S LIFE (15): Julie Andrews plays the supportive wife of a hypochondriac architect (Jack Lemmon), who is making heavy weather of his 60th birthday; tactfully, she keeps quiet about her own cancer tests. The two stars provide contrasting performances *(102 mins).*
Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue (01-836 6279). Progs 1.15, 3.35, 5.55, 8.30, 11.15.

■ **THE VOYAGE HOME – STAR TREK IV (PG):** The Enterprise team star in another slick fantasy. Leonard Nimoy directs (119 min)
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). Progs 2.30, 5.15, 8.15, 11.00.
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 2.55, 5.35, 8.15, 11.15.
☎ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636, cc 01-373 6990). Progs 2.00, 5.15, 8.40.
☎ **Empire Leicester Square** (01-437 1234, cc 01-240 7200). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30, 11.15.

OPERA

★ **NIGHTINGALE/ENFANT:** Penultimate chance to see the Royal Opera's Hockney-designed double-bill of Stravinsky's *The Nightingale* and Ravel's *L'Enfant et les Sortilèges*, imaginatively cast and vividly performed.
Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066), 7.30-9.30pm, £2-£42.

☆ **ORPHEUS IN THE UNDERWORLD:** Gerald Scarfe *brings Offenbach's classic to* grotesque new life in David *Pountney's production,* largely unchanged in its casting from last season.
English National Opera, Coliseum, London WC2 (01-836 3161), 7.30-10.30pm, £2-£18.50.

☆ **LA BOHEME:** A comparitively middle-of-the-road production by David Freeman, sung in English and conducted by Clive Timms.
New Theatre, Kingston Square, Hull (0482 20463), 7.15-9.45pm, £3.50-£14.50.

☆ **THE SLEEP:** The Brighton Festival, in association with the Glasgow Mayfest, presents a new minimalist working of the Orpheus myth by Pete Brooks and Jeremy Peyton Jones.
The Gardener Centre, Brighton (0273 674357), 7.15-9.45pm, £3-£5.

"The Man Who Lit a Cigar Before the Royal Toast" *was one of a series of comic depictions* of social gaffes penned by H. M. Bateman, the centenary of whose birth falls this year. "The Man Who . . ." cartoons ran in *The Tatler* during the 1920s and Bateman was paid up to £200 a drawing, making him the highest-paid cartoonist of his time. Born in Australia, he brought the outsider's sharp eye to English manners and customs. Though he lived until 1970, he was at his peak during the inter-war period, when he chronicled the growing middle-class passion for travel, sport, motoring and cocktails. He is also credited with introducing the strip cartoon to Britain, with a series called "The Boy Who Breathed on the Glass at the British Museum" that appeared in 1916. To mark the centenary a selection of his *Tatler* cartoons is published as *The Best of H. M. Bateman* (Bodley Head, £10.95) and two complementary exhibitions are being organized by the Langton Gallery. The first, at the National Theatre (01-928 2033), is devoted to caricatures and strip cartoons; the other, at the Royal Festival Hall (01-928 3002), comprises 200 cartoons. Both exhibitions run Mon-Sat, 10am-11pm and are free, from today until June 20. ***Peter Waymark***

ROCK

★ **DURAN DURAN:** Second leg of the streamlined group's comeback tour.
NEC, Birmingham (021 780 4133) 6pm, £9.50-£11.50.

☆ **GEORGIA SATELLITES:** Welcome return of the rough and ready American R 'n' B band cast in an early Rolling Stones mould. Their current release, "Battleship Chains", is a classic in the two-chord tradition.
Town & Country, 9-17 Highgate Rd, London NW5 (01-267 3334) 7.30pm, £6.

☆ **CARIBBEAN CALYPSO TENT:** All the best in salsa and soca: direct from the Trinidad Carnival comes Scrunter, Relator and Brother Resistance, supported by London *Calypsonians Lord Cloak and* Wounded Soldier.
Shaw Theatre, 100 Euston Rd, London NW1 (01-388 1399) 7.30pm, £4-£5, for three nights.

☆ ***GAYE BIKERS ON ACID:*** Great name, *fab gear,* shame about the music.
Jolly Boatman, Hampton Court Way, Surrey (01-979 1010) 8pm, £2.50-£3.

JAZZ

☆ ***GIL EVANS:*** Jazz's greatest surviving composer-arranger celebrates his 75th birthday at the head of an all-star multinational band featuring Palle Mikkelborg, Chris Hunter, John Surman, Hiram Bullock and others.
Queen's Hall, Edinburgh (031 668 2019), 9.30pm, £6-7.

☆ **COMPANY WEEK:** The latest season by guitarist Derek Bailey's collection of free improvisers features Lee Konitz (alto saxophone), Richard Teitelbaum (synthesizers), Barre Phillips (bass) and other like-minded mavericks.
Arts Theatre, *Great Newport* Street, London W1 (01-836 2132), 8pm, £3.50.

☆ **CEDAR WALTON TRIO:** Literate post-bop piano, somewhere between Herbie Hancock and Bill Evans in approach.
Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith *Street, London W1 (01-439 0747),* 9.30pm, £8 (£6 members).

☆ **AL COHN:** The veteran tenor saxophonist is a graduate *cum laude* of the Lester Young academy.
Pizza Express, 10 Dean Street, London W1 (01-439 8722), 9.30pm, £6.50.

☆ **BRIGHTON JAZZ:** The gifted *stride pianist Dick Wellstood* performs solo.
Concorde, Madeira Drive, Brighton (0273 606640), 8.30pm, £3.

CONCERTS

☆ **WATKINSON/CLS:** Andrew Watkinson conducts the City of London Sinfonia in Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No 3, accompanies Jack Brymer in Mozart's Clarinet Concerto and plays the violin in Vivaldi's *Four Seasons.*
Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 7.30pm, £4-£11.50.

☆ **KING'S SINGERS:** An evening of contemporary music with the *King's Singers and P Maxwell* Davies's *Sea Runes*, Berio's *Cries of London*, *Szöllösy's Phaedri Fabulae*, Penderecki's *Ecologa* VIII and Wood's *Drama.*
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore Street, London W1 (01-935 2141), 7.30pm, £3-£7.50.

☆ **EVA-MARIA NEELSEN:** Accompanied by Tomoko Ogasawara-Ranft, this cellist performs Schubert's Arpeggione Sonata, Prokofiev's Sonata Op 119, a Suite by Cassado and pieces by Paganini, Bloch and Ravel.
Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191), cc 01-928 8800), 7.30pm, £1.50-£3.50.

☆ **BBC SINGERS:** London Brass joins the BBC Singers for this instalment of their contemporary music series, which includes LeFanu's *The Valley Shall Sing* and Feliciano's *The Tyme Doth Flete.*
St John's, Smith Square, London *SW1* (01-222 1061), 7.30pm, £3 and £4.

☆ **HELGA SCHAUERTE:** An organ recital comprising *Bach's G minor* Fantasia and Fugue, Scheidt's Dowland Variations, Buxtehude's *Magnificat Primi Toni*, Reger's Scherzo Op 80 and Mozart's Fantasia K 608 is given by Helga Schauerte.
German Christ Church, 19 Montpelier Place, London SW7 (01-940 4127), 7.30pm, £1.50.

☆ **FROM FRANKFURT:** Blacher's Paganini Variations and Mahler's Symphony No 5 are performed by the Frankfurt Radio Symphony Orchestra under Eliahu Inbal. And Frank Peter Zimmerman solos in *Mozart's Violin Concerto* K 219.
Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-628 8795, cc 01-638 8891), 7.45-9.45pm, £3-£12.50.

☆ **RICHARD MEYRICK:** Richard *Meyrick plays* Bach's *Italian* Concerto, Chopin's Piano Sonata Op 35, five Debussy *Préludes* and pieces by Gluck, Scriabin and Prokofiev.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800), 7.45pm, £2.50-£6.50.

DANCE

★ **PULCINELLA:** London première of Richard Alston's production for Ballet Rambert, with Glen Tetley's *Pierrot Lunaire.*
Sadler's Wells Theatre, *Rosebery* Avenue, London EC1 (01-278 8916), 7.30-10pm, £2.50-£10.50.

☆ **UTT:** Solo by Japanese buto dancer Carlotta Ikeda.
ICA Theatre, *The Mall, London* SW1 (01-930 3647), 8-9.30pm, £4.90.

★ **COPPELIA:** *Rudolf Nureyev,* Evelyne Desutter and Peter Clegg star in the Northern Ballet Theatre's production.
Palace Theatre, Oxford Street, *Manchester (061-236 9922),* 7.30-10.30pm, £5.50-£15.50.

☆ **ROMEO AND JULIET:** Frederick Ashton's production for the London Festival Ballet is a most poetic *staging of the Prokofiev score.*
Apollo Theatre, George Street, Oxford (0865 244544), 7.30-10.15pm, £3.50-£5.50.

GALLERIES

EMRYS WILLIAMS AND DAVID HEPHER: Melancholic rainy days at Colwyn *Bay* and *South London* council flats are, respectively, the subjects of these new paintings by two original artists.
Castlefield Gallery, 5 Campfield *Avenue* Arcade, Deansgate, Manchester (061-832 8034), Tues-Sat 10.30-5.30pm, Sun 12.30-4.30pm, free, until June 6.

MIQUEL BARCELO: Intriguing *landscapes* by a young Mallorcan whose pictures are more stimulating than those of many other continental avant-garde artists.
Waddington Galleries, 11 Cork Street, London *W1 (01-437 8611),* Mon-Fri 10-5.30pm, Sat 10-1pm, free, until May 22.

DAVID ROBERTS: Lithographs of the holy *land* by a Victorian painter who specialized in *colourful* and atmospheric Middle Eastern scenes and characters.
The Oriental Museum, Elvet Hill, Durham (0385-66711), Mon-Fri 9.30-1pm and 2-5pm, Sun 2-5pm, 50p, until June 30.

ASCHER: Fabrics by a fashion and textile house who commissioned many of this century's finest artists, including Moore and Matisse, to prepare designs.
Victoria and Albert Museum, Exhibition Road, South Kensington, London SW7 (01-589 6371), Mon-Sat 10-5.50pm, Sun 2.30-5.50pm (closed Fridays), free, until June 14.

WALKS

***IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF* SHERLOCK HOLMES:** meet *Embankment tube, 11am,* £2.50.

SPECTACULAR CITY: meet Temple tube, 11.15am, £2.75.

HIDDEN CURIOS AND COURTYARDS OF OLD LONDON: meet St. Paul's tube, 11am, £2.

LIFE IN MEDIEVAL LONDON – PLAGUE AND PROSPERITY: meet Museum of London, 11.15am, £2.75.

COVENT GARDEN AND THE WEST END: meet Covent Garden tube, 2.30pm, £2.75.

HISTORIC WESTMINSTER – HOME OF MONARCHS, PARLIAMENTARIANS AND REBELS: meet Westminster tube, 2pm, £2.25.

A PUB WALK – ON THE GHOST ***TRAIL:*** meet St. Paul's tube, 7.30pm, £2.25.

TALKS

HEINER MULLER: In conversation with David Leveaux.
Institute of Contemporary Arts, The Mall, London SW1, 7.30pm, £2.

LONDONERS AS SEEN BY WILLIAM HOGARTH: Lecture by Professor John Wilton-Ely.
Museum of London, London Wall, London EC2 (01-600 3699), 1.10pm, free.

OTHER EVENTS

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL ABERDEEN ANTIQUES FAIR: Mainly pre-1890 items including 18th and 19th century furniture, silver, porcelain, paintings, clocks, brass, textiles, prints and maps, rugs and carpets. Free identification service.
Amatola Hotel, Great Western Road, Aberdeen. Today, tomorrow *11am-8pm; Sunday 11am-5pm;* adult £1, accompanied child 50p.

SOUTHERN COUNTIES CRAFT FAIR: 100 craftsmen and women showing and demonstrating over *40 different crafts. All items for sale* or to order. Refreshments.
The Maltings, Bridge Square, Farnham, Surrey. Today, tomorrow 10am-6pm; Sunday 10am-5pm; admission 40p.

HORSE TRIALS: Three-day trials which include the main disciplines – dressage, show jumping and *cross country.* Craft and countryside museum and adventure playground for children. Refreshments.
Holker Hall, Cark-in-Cartmel, *Grange-over-Sands*, Cumbria (0448-53328). Today, Sun 9.30am-6pm; adult £1.65, child £1.

ARTIST IN RESIDENCE AT THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM: Penultimate *day in* which to see Jackie Duckworth working on her tapestry and to try your hand at weaving under her guidance.
Natural History Museum, Cromwell Road, *London SW7 (01-589 6323).* Today, tomorrow 10am-12.30pm; admission to museum: adult £2, child £1.

WHAT'S NEW IN TONBRIDGE: Described by the organizers as a mini-Ideal Home exhibition with 60 trade stalls and 27 craftsmen and women showing their work. Refreshments, licenced bar.
The Angel Centre, Tonbridge, Kent. Today, tomorrow 10am-8pm; admission 20p.

ROYAL WINDSOR HORSE SHOW: Second day of this popular four-day *event. During the day there will* be showing, show jumping, falconry, bands and driving grand prix. Evening: the Windsor Family Night with jumping, knock-out competition, meet of hounds and bands. Full catering facilities.
Windsor Castle, The Home Park, Windsor Berkshire, Box Office (0753 864 975), 9am-5.15pm and 5.30-9.30pm; admission, adult £4, child £2, car park £2.50. Reserved seats for evening performance adult £5, child £2.50.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

SCOTTISH OPERA AT EDINBURGH: Booking for new productions of *Madam Butterfly* and *Billy Budd;* plus revival of Robert David MacDonald's *Barber of Seville.* Casts include Norman Bailey, Yoko Watanabe, Philip Langridge. June 23-27.
King's Theatre, 2 Leven Street, Edinburgh (031 229 1201).

ROYAL BALLET AT BATTERSEA PARK: Phone booking now open for Big Top Season, with productions of *La Fille Mal Gardée, The Dream, Elite Syncopations,* and a new Ashley Page ballet. July 27-Aug 1.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066/1911).

A CHORUS LINE: First British tour includes visits from Sept 1-19 to Norwich Theatre Royal (0603 *628205) and from Sept 22-Oct 10 to* Birmingham Alex Theatre (021 643 1231).

LAST CHANCE

THE SCHOOL OF BOLOGNA 1570-1730: Survey of lesser-known school of Italian painting, including Carracci, Guido Reni, Domenichino, Guercino. Ends today.
Harari and Johns, 12 Duke Street, London SW1 (01-839 7671).

JAMES MORRISON: Spacious landscape oils and watercolours of the blustery coastline of Scotland. Ends today.
Thackeray Gallery, 18 Thackeray Street, London W8 (01-937 5883).

KAREN CALDICOTT: First one-*person exhibition, comprising* strange and striking allegorical paintings with human/animal subjects. Ends today.
Thumb Gallery, 20 D'Arblay Street, London W1 (01-434 2931).

THE LUMINIST TRADITION: Impressionist and post-impressionist pictures by Belgian artists, including James Ensor, who are often overlooked in histories of the movement.
Whitford & Hughes, 6 Duke Street, London SW1 (01-930 9332).

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; *Films:* Geoff Brown; *Concerts:* Max Harrison; *Opera:* Hilary Finch; *Rock:* David Sinclair; *Jazz:* Richard Williams; *Dance:* John Percival; *Galleries:* David Lee; *Other Events:* Judy Froshaug; *Bookings:* Anne Whitehouse.

TOP 10 UK SINGLES

1	(1)	**Nothing's Gonna Stop Us Now**, Starship	Grunt
2	(2)	**Can't Be With You Tonight**, J Boucher	Orbitone
3	(3)	**A Boy From Nowhere**, Tom Jones	Epic
4	(4)	**So Strong**, Labi Siffre	China
5	(8)	**Living in a Box**, Living in a Box	Chrysalis
6	(7)	**Another Step**, Kim Wilde and Junior	MCA
7	(6)	**La Isla Bonita**, Madonna	Sire
8	(5)	**The Slightest Touch**, Five Star	Tent
9	(9)	**Big Love**, Fleetwood Mac	Warner Brothers
10	(10)	**April Skies**, The Jesus and Mary Chain	Blanco Y Negro

TOP 10 UK ALBUMS

1	(1)	**Keep Your Distance**, Curiosity Killed The Cat	Mercury
2	(2)	**Solitude Standing**, Suzanne Vega	A&M
3	(3)	**Running in the Family**, Level 42	Polydor
4	(7)	**The Joshua Tree**, U2	Island
5	(6)	***Tango In The Night***, Fleetwood Mac	Warner Bros
6	(9)	**That's What I Call Music 9**, Various	EMI/Virgin
7	(3)	**Invisible Touch**, Genesis	Virgin
8	(5)	**Raindancing**, Alison Moyet	CBS
9	(13)	**FLM**, Mel & Kim	Supreme
10	(8)	**True Blue**, Madonna	Sire

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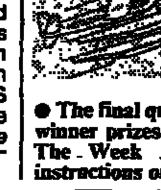

THE TIMES / DEC SCHNEIDER COMPETITION

● **Today's question: The 1925 Schneider race was won by Major Doolittle flying a Curtiss aircraft. What was the horsepower of the engine?**

● **The final question in this week's competition, which offers to the winner prizes of holidays worth £1,000, will appear tomorrow in The Week Ahead of the Saturday section, together with instructions on how to enter.**

ENTERTAINMENTS

CONCERTS

BARBICAN HALL 628 8795/638 8891. Ton't 7.45 FRANKFURT RADIO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Festival of German Arts.

OPERA & BALLET

COLISEUM S 836 3161 CC 240 5258 ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA Ton't 7.30 Orpheus in the Underworld. Tomor 7.30 (please note later starting time) Don Giovanni.

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE 240 1066/ 1911. Stdby info 836 6903. S CC. Tickets £2-42 (Opera). 65 amphi seats avail on the day. Ton't 7.30 THE ROYAL OPERA The Nightingale/ L'Enfant et les sortilèges. Tomor 7.30 Turandot.

SADLER'S WELLS 278 8916 First Call CC 24hr 7 day 240 7200 (Bkg fee). Eves 7.30. Until 23 May BALLET RAMBERT. Prog 1:- 22 & 23 MAY Carmen Arcadiae/Soldat/ Ducks/ Flashes/Zansa. Prog 2:- Ton't, Sat & Mon 18 Pierrot Lunaire/Pulcinella. Prog:- 3 MAY 19, 20 & 21 Dancing Day/Ceremonies/Night with Waning Moon.

THEATRES

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BARBICAN 01 628 8795/ 638 8891 cc (Mon-Sun 10am-8pm) ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY BARBICAN THEATRE ton't 7.30. Tomor 2.00 & 7.30 MACBETH RICHARD II returns 18-25 May THE PIT ton't 7.30, tomor 2.00 & 7.30 COUNTRY DANCING by Nigel Williams. WORLDS APART by Jose Triana returns 18-26 May

CHICHESTER FESTIVAL THEATRE 0243 781312 ROBERT AND ELIZABETH/AN IDEAL HUSBAND Eves 7.30 Mat Thu & Sat 2.30.

COTTESLOE 'S' 928 2252 CC (National theatre's small auditorium) Ton't & Mon 7.30, Tomor 2.30 & 7.30 ROSMERSHOLM by Ibsen, new version by Frank McGuinness. Tue 7.30, Wed 2.30 & 7.30 YERMA. Thur 7.30 THREE MEN ON A HORSE. Today 2pm William Poel Festival 45 min platform perf all tkts £2.00. Ton't 6pm Beautiful Delirium 45 min platform perf all tkts £2.00

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THE ARTS

Elusive focus on vanished peoples

The grave was not "a fine and private place" for the long-dead Celt they dug out of a Cheshire swamp a couple of years ago.

His marvellously preserved remains were ecstatically explored by forensic scientists, who waved a 2,000-year-old esophagus at the camera and announced that death had been caused by a blow from an axe, a garotting and a slit throat. If a murder is worth doing (as the old Celtic saw has it) it is worth doing well.

That filmed autopsy, screened again in Part 1 of the BBC's new documentary series *The Celts*, was one of those compelling moments when a fragment of lost history, like the light from a distant star, arrives vividly in the present. There were not enough of those moments.

TELEVISION

It was an awesomely difficult subject to tackle, the history of people who wrote nothing down, warrior-farmers who wandered restlessly all over Europe and left no monuments, only their art and the echo of a song. How do you draw focus on something as elusive as the vanished Celt?

The series producers tried to solve the problem by having actors in Old Testament robes engage in ancient Celtic rites, like fighting, getting drunk and singing rude songs, while their womenfolk painted their breasts with woad. All this suggested, however, was that the Celtic dawn occurred somewhere between Woodstock and Cardiff Arms Park.

Yet there were other, more imaginative devices that worked splendidly — a parody of the old Gaumont British newsreel to demonstrate the Celtic diaspora, a table-top battle between toy-soldier armies to dramatize the Celts' last stand against Julius Caeser's Romans.

***The Celt* is presented by Frank Delaney, the thinking man's Terry Wogan. He is personable, at ease with the camera, and he turns an elegant phrase. But he does not sound like a man in love with his subject.**

Michael Dean

Celebrating cinema's past glories

Nostalgia currently dominates the Cannes Festival, whether in a flashback all the way to *Intolerance* or a parade of clips from films shown over the event's 40-year history: **David Robinson** reports

There is a good deal of nostalgia about the fortieth edition of the Cannes Festival; and the Taviani brothers' **Good Morning, Babylon** promised to be the ideal celebration of the cinema's past glories. The idea of the film is in itself inspired: the adventures of two Italian immigrant artisans who may have created the elephants for the Babylon set in D.W. Griffith's *Intolerance* — a spectacle still unsurpassed in film history.

Tonino Guerra's script develops a variety of themes: the trauma of immigration, the collision of cultures in early-century America. His heroes begin as stonemasons in Tuscany, the youngest of a family dedicated to church restoration, and heirs to generations of craftmanship. The film thus intends a hymn to dedicated craftsmanship, whether in Romanesque cathedrals or the studios of Hollywood. Both, says Griffith (played by Charles Dance), in a climactic scene of the film, are born out of a collective dream.

For precisely 25 minutes the film is thrilling, with all the energy, visual grandeur and operatic intensity of the Tavianis' best work. Vincent Spano and Joaquim de Almeida are their ideal heroes, innocent and epic, bidding farewell to the parental home, crossing the Atlantic in an immigrant ship, struggling for survival in the new land.

The trouble starts with the Hollywood scenes (shot in Tuscany), which have no period sense or narrative conviction, as they collapse into trivial comedy. The final, irrelevantly tragic scenes (the brothers die at the front in 1917, photographing each other with a movie camera) try to recapture the grand operatic manner, but it is too late: quite another film seems to have intruded between the opening and the last sequence.

In a brief extract from the real *Intolerance*, Lillian Gish appears. Since Miss Gish's latest picture, Anderson's *The Whales of August*, is also in Cannes, this establishes a precedent with two performances in the same festival, separated by 71 years.

D.W. Griffith (Charles Dance) and his wife on a scaled-down *Intolerance* set in *Good Morning, Babylon*

Miss Gish is expected in Cannes, but at 90 will not be the oldest festival personality. Charles Vanel, best remembered from *The Wages of Fear*, is on the Croisette, giving spritely interviews in which he recalls his film début in 1908, his new role in Claude Goretta's latest film and his plans for the future.

A younger veteran in Cannes, Paul Newman, presents an intelligent version of **The Glass Menagerie**, in which he directs his wife Joanne Woodward. With handsome camerawork by Michael Ballhaus, it succeeds in being cinematic without detriment to the text or the unity of place. Newman gave a lively though dignified Press conference with forthright views. On directing: "I like to watch the faces." On acting: "The secret is to tread that thin line between taking yourself too seriously and not taking yourself seriously enough." On movies: "In an increasingly anaesthetic society, I think the effect of emotion on the audience is devoutly to be pursued."

Nostalgia climaxes in a feature-length compilation, **Cinema in the Eyes**, assembled by the festival director Gilles Jacob himself. It includes extracts from 72 films shown over Cannes' 40 years; and the torrent of images, the rapid succession of dramatic climaxes and the babel of languages achieves a strange effect of dream. Ghosts walk in movies: here are Marilyn Monroe, Jean Renoir, François Truffaut, Simone Signoret, Gerard Philippe large as life again.

It is fascinating to see what has dated and what has kept its quality. Strangely Bette Davis's artifice in *All About Eve* has worn much better than Marlon Brando's Method in *Viva Zapata!*. Even in these one-minute fragments, too, the qualities that make Renoir, Buñuel, Fellini, Tarkovsky and Kurosawa masters stand out above the rest.

Britain has its place in Cannes history: here are *The Third Man*, *Room at the Top*, *If . . . .*, *The Go-Between*, *Excalibur*, all holding their own. It is sadder to see the monuments of French film (*Partie de campagne*, *La Bataille du rail*, *Day For Night*, *Monsieur Hulot's Holiday*) and compare them with the doldrums of French cinema today.

One French film in competition, Jean-Pierre Denis's **Champ d'honneur**, is attractive at least for its artlessness. About an incident in the Franco-Prussian War, it tells how a peasant lad, according to custom, takes money to replace a richer conscript. The performance of Cris Campion, a pleasant young actor first seen in *Pirates*, recalls (not accidentally) Audie Murphy in *The Red Badge of Courage*.

Artlessness is by no means a certain attraction; and the other French competition entry, Gerard Blain's **Pierre et Djemila**, was vigorously booed for it. The story of the tragic love of a French *Romeo* and an Arab *Juliet*, destroyed by the hostility of their communities, is earnestly meant but disastrously realized. Blain clearly admires but does not understand the minimalist acting style of the films of Robert Bresson.

Naivety triumphed however in a charming Greek début film, **The Tree We Hurt** by Dimos Avdeliodis, which describes the summer holiday adventures of two small peasant boys on the isle of Chios. Without pretention, Avdeliodis succeeds in conveying the real world, community and innocent amorality of children when they are removed from the restraints and influence of grown-ups.

Fine opening for dramatic flair

DANCE

The Lesson
Palace, Manchester

Flemming Flindt's *The Lesson*, based on Ionesco's play, needs a cast of only three, but any economy in that respect is offset by the demands of the elaborate setting designed by Bernard Daydé: a solid-looking ballet studio complete with huge mirrors around the walls and a large high window above.

What has made the ballet continuously popular in the repertory of several companies since its creation (for Danish television) in 1963 is the skill with which Flindt has translated Ionesco's situation and ideas into a different context and medium, and the outstanding opportunities the roles offer to dancers of dramatic flair.

Northern Ballet Theatre's new production, premièred in Manchester this week, should suit some of the company's dancers very well, but the opening performances are being danced by two guest stars.

Rudolf Nureyev's interpretation of the mad teacher has been seen previously in his London seasons. A little more burly in appearance now — an impression accentuated by the wild mass in which he wears his hair for this part — he graduates dramatic effect from the bizarre, timid initial appearance to the growing anger and power as he feeds his murderous obsession off his pupil's youthful energies.

That role is now played by Evelyne Desutter. With her blonde hair tied up in ribbons, she looks convincingly at least 10 years younger than she does as the decadent Miss Julie earlier in the programme. She becomes completely the besotted little ballet girl, eager, silly, pert and a little petulant.

The third member of the fatal trio is Grace Kaplan as the pianist: a figure of weary but determined authority, trying vainly to keep her dangerous employer in order but knowing and conniving at the inevitable outcome.

Georges Delerue's score has the quality of the best film music, underlining points, ironically commenting, insidiously helping the drama.

The Lesson will be the company's last new production before Robert de Warren relinquishes the artistic directorship to take the equivalent post at La Scala, Milan. He leaves the company stronger, in repertory and dancers (and in audience support), than he found it 11 years ago.

John Percival

CONCERT

Capricorn
St John's

It was once more the Danes who dominated this final concert in Capricorn's Nordic series, not just in numbers but in sheer musical prowess. And here I refer not to Pelle *Gudmundsen-Holmgreen's Terrace* for wind quintet, which was as barbarously schematic as the Six Movements for string quartet by the Icelandic composer Karolina Eriksdottir, but to the works of two younger men, both in their thirties: Poul Ruders and Anders Nordentoft.

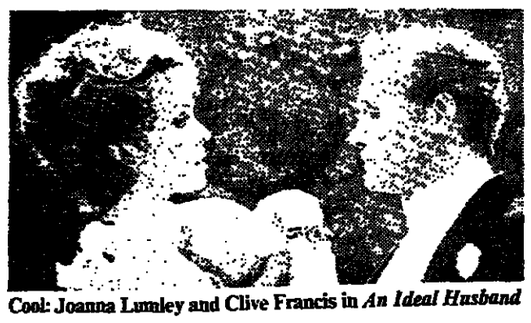
Ruders's contribution was *Nightshade*, written for this occasion and a real Gothic horror of a piece, suffused with irony as much as with the sepulchral sounds of double bassoon, contrabass clarinet, gongs, low piano, horn and trombone. Within this heavily gloomy atmosphere, bells sound to intensify the graveyard feeling, which is made still more flamboyant and slightly absurd by the figures that twirl upwards into the treble, voiced by violin, oboe and again piano. At 10 minutes the piece is no more than a scrap from this highly prolific composer, but it is just the right length to make a neat black joke.

***Nordentoft's Entgegen* was a little longer and much more ambitious, suggesting a composer full of creative energy which he cannot quite control. But perhaps this sense of invention brimming over was entirely intentional: each of the two movements was stretched tight between driving propulsion and an echoing calm, with the former ahead in the first and the latter in the second. The instrumentation, for a full mixed ensemble, was virtuoso, especially in the fast gestures that screeched through the pitch range.**

The piece had a startling performance under Oliver Knussen, who also plumbed the depths of the Ruders, and kept patience with the Finnish composer Kaija Saariaho's *Lichtbogen*. The other Finnish work in this curiously undiscriminating selection was Esa-Pekka Salonen's *Yta I* for alto flute, which Helen Keen showed to be a manic, breathless essay in frustration, making it difficult to regret too much the composer's move into conducting.

Paul Griffiths

Wilde's surprises still topical



Cool: Joanna Lumley and Clive Francis in *An Ideal Husband*

THEATRE

The Turtle Gets There Too
Pavilion, Brighton

It was brave of Vidar Eggertsson and his Egg Theatre to put on a play so concerned with silence in this barn-like venue, more associated with beer and skittles than Icelandic experimental theatre. After the initial premonitory ring of a telephone, the first words spoken by Eggertsson as William Carlos Williams are "It comes out of the silence". In fact it came out of the slamming of doors, climbing of stairs and very audible comments from behind the bar.

The Turtle Gets There Too is a dialogue about poetry conducted by the two American poets, and friends, William Carlos Williams and Ezra Pound. Unexpectedly, perhaps, it is the less well known Williams, the patient, gentle physician-poet, who emerges as the hero. He is the only character to appear in person: Eggertsson, looking rather like the young Aldous Huxley, manages to convey Williams's humility and a sort of inner radiance in a magnetic performance of rare sensitivity.

Pound is present only as a lively, irritable voice (spoken by the play's author Arni Ibsen — no relation): he mocks and lectures by turn in his attempt to make Williams desert his New Jersey practice and join him in Italy, at the heart of civilization as he sees it. Of course, that modern civilization turns out be Mussolini's Fascism. Pound's grandiloquent attempt to come to terms with the whole of Western civilization leads to propoganda broadcasts — in fact he turns into a radio which cannot be switched off.

Williams's quiet and private poetic credo, that out of trusting silence and loving one's neighbour new perceptions will spring, seems to win hands down over Pound's idea of the poet's public role. However, the play's most moving moment occurs when Pound, in jail, recovers his singing voice in an extract from the *Pisan Cantos*. At the end, when he lapses into a silence more tragic than Williams's at the beginning, it is difficult to say who has won the argument.

Harry Eyres

An Ideal Husband
Chichester

At a time when City scandals are never out of the news this certainly seems the right Wilde play to revive. When Sir Robert Chiltern (David Gwillim) was a young man he sold a Government secret to the suave Baron Arnheim — a character Wilde unfortunately keeps out of his play by killing him off before it begins. For being thus economical with his honour Sir Robert is rewarded by the grateful Baron with £110,000: say a million in today's value. Naturally he goes into Parliament and 18 years later, nationally renowned as a man of honour, is about to be offered a seat in the Cabinet.

Enter Mrs Cheveley (Joanna Lumley) in heliotrope and diamonds. Inevitably this adventuress has proof of his murky secret and wants him to renege on his principles so as to swing Government backing behind some grubby deal of her own. Of course this suggestion is unthinkable: Mr Gwillim is fearfully stiff while Miss Lumley coolly lights a cigarette and flashes grins, whether or not he happens to be looking her way at the time. At last he must accept that her suggestion must be thought about. Quite a dilemma.

Enter Lord Goring, "the first well-dressed philosopher in the history of thought" and named for the Thamesside village where Wilde bizarrely and briefly set up house with his wife and Bosie. In a crucial second-act scene in Tony Britton's production Chiltern defends himself in the usual way. He was young, everyone does it.

Gwillim begins the play looking as rigid as a mace but, once Mrs C has him by the short and curlies, he is twisting and gasping on her line, like a fish — Schubert's Trout, perhaps, since this happens to be the music played between the acts. But in the scene when he tells Goring all, and allows his lips to tremble at the memory of Arnheim's wealth, Gwillim reveals the true rascality of the character, no matter that the play manages to get him off the hook. He shows pluck, his career is saved, his wife loves him even more; this makes the play interesting as fantasy autobiography but queasy as argument.

Clive Francis as Goring gives a more self-loving performance than the part requires, and I did not care for his habit of raising both hands to his temples like a toreador. But when he murmurs, as his rescue plot becomes tricky, "Awkward thing to manage", he bridges the gulf between dandy and humanity.

Humanity is hardly one of stainless Lady Chiltern's more striking features but Lucy Fleming has learnt to lose her temper convincingly and this helps. Miss Lumley looks the right age for Mrs Cheveley, something like 28, and a lighter touch to the cleverer lines will emphasize her power. A great many of the lines are clever, the melodramatic surprises of the plot still surprise and the audience, as usual, claps the ability of the stage crew to turn the scenery.

Jeremy Kingston

JAZZ

Gil Evans
Hammersmith Odeon

Jazz's most renowned late-developer, *Gil Evans*, celebrated his 75th birthday with the opening concert of an extensive European tour. While recent achievements in Mr Evans's career include composing film soundtracks (*Absolute Beginners* and *The Color of Money*) and indeed being a public bandleader, he was a composer and arranger at the heart of the Bebop movement, and with Miles Davis an architect of the immensely influential Birth of the Cool band.

Such a history of eminence, though not one much given to frivolity, was reflected in the rather ascetic presentation of a distinguished anniversary line-up that included the pioneering soprano saxophonist Steve Lacy, the astonishing Brazilian percussionist Airto Moreira, though without the advertised Flora Purim, and enough "name" stars to start a Who's Who in Jazz.

Apart from a few balloons chucked about at the end, and a couple of instrumental choruses of "Happy Birthday", there was little to indicate a gala event in progress. *Van Morrison* sang a grumpy version of "Moondance"; otherwise the sparrow-thin figure of Evans, sitting behind a Fender Rhodes piano, steered the band through long sequences of unannounced, segued material.

His distinctive big-band arrangements wrought coherence from a diverse selection. The ensemble hardly missed a step as it ran from a version of Hendrix's "Up from the Skies", that found the energetic George Adams and Chris Hunter firing salvoes of warbling flute phrases across the bows of Hiram Bullock's guitar, into the delicately swirling azure of the Mingus classic "Goodbye Pork Pie Hat". Sometimes such wrenches induced a giddy impression of James Last meeting Loose Tubes, as when they tackled the Police's "Synchronicity II", but the sheer *gravitas* of soloing by the likes of the saxophonist Don Weller, or Dave Bargerone's exquisite trombone ellisions, ensured an entertainment of shifting brilliance.

David Sinclair

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THE CHURCHES IN ACTION WITH THE WORLD'S POOR.

Healey attack on Nato general

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

Mr Denis Healey made a scathing attack last night on Nato's European commander, accusing him of interfering in the General Election campaign.

Speaking in Llandudno, north Wales, on the eve of the Welsh Labour Party Conference, Mr Healey, Labour's foreign affairs spokesman, said that in remarks the previous night General Bernard Rogers was "making a false judgment based on ignorance of the essential political facts"

General Rogers, Nato's Supreme Allied Commander, Europe, said in a BBC interview that if Labour implemented its non-nuclear defence policy it would be the straw that broke the camel's back for the American public, who would call for their troops to be withdrawn from Europe.

Mr Healey said that General Rogers, "a good military man", was "demob happy" and was due to leave his post in a few weeks. He said: "War is far too serious to be left to the generals"

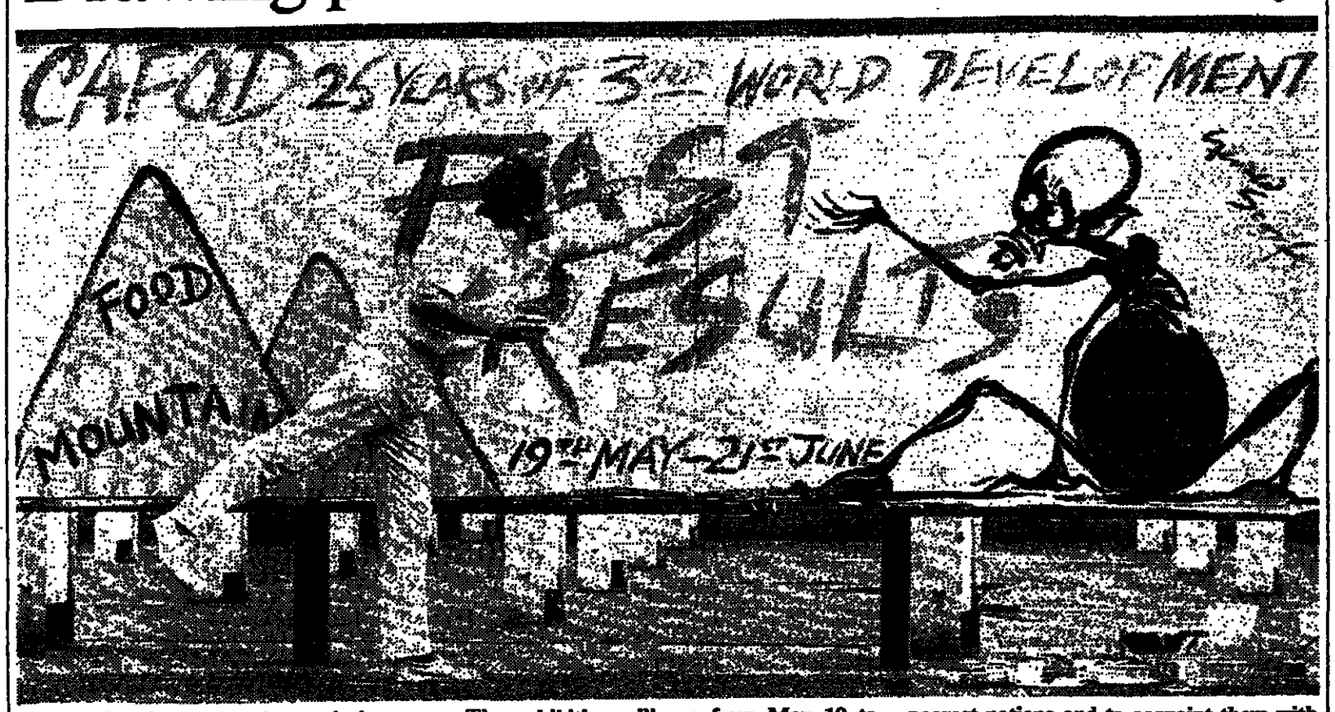
General Rogers's judgment was clearly a political one and had nothing to do with military matters, Mr Healey said. He did not regard the general as an expert on the United States people.

US congressmen who did represent the American people had this week heavily defeated a proposal to reduce us American forces in Europe. Mr Healey said of General Rogers: "I admire many of the contributions he has made militarily to Nato but he was making a political judgment which the American congress has rejected."

He said that Mr Casper Weinberger, the US Defence Secretary, had recently said that it would be costly for American troops to be withdrawn.

Mr Healey shrugged off the result of the two most recent national opinion polls, one of which showed Labour in third place. "I have a feeling that some idiot has got lost in the computers. The polls gave absolutely opposite results."

Drawing power of a third world charity



Gerald Scarfe, the artist, painting an advertising sign outside the Commonwealth Institute yesterday to promote the opening of an exhibition mounted by the Catholic Fund for Overseas Development (Cafod). The exhibition will run from May 19 to June 21 and has been organized by Cafod to mark its Silver Jubilee. The aim is to make people in Britain more aware of what life is like for millions of people in the world's poorest nations and to acquaint them with the work of the fund. The exhibition highlights conditions in Bangladesh, Kenya and Guyana, three of the 75 countries where Cafod is running relief projects.

Commons sketch

Colourful clashes in the fawn pen

With his bright silver hair contrasting peculiarly with his bronzed face, Mr Edward Heath (Old Bexley and Sidcup) resembled a Beverley Sister gone to seed as he listened to young Tory after young Tory fawn and squelch to Mrs Thatcher.

He sat motionless in his slip-on shoes, right finger pressed to forehead, hand obscuring face, his eyes never quite closed, never quite open, the whole a curious mixture of sadness and self-sufficiency.

He seemed to share the distaste of the opposition benches for much that he had heard. The first fawner to waffle was Mr Timothy Yeo (South Suffolk) whose experience in charity management proved invaluable as he jangled Mrs Thatcher's election collection box.

"Does my Right Honourable Friend know that I speak for every law-abiding citizen in this great country of ours when I say that she is universally admired and respected for her kindness, patience, beauty and resolve?" - this is a blueprint for all thrusting Tory backbenchers' questions to the Prime Minister.

The Prime Minister then replies that she fully agrees with the Honourable Gentleman, and that she would add that sales of liquorice allsorts in Leamington Spa have begun to reverse their downward trend, an improvement that would not have been possible under a Labour government with its punitive taxes, etcetera.

Sir Ian Percival (Southport, Conservative) obviously thought that Mr Yeo was being unnecessarily stingy with his contributions to the fawning fund. Millions of people up and down the country, he declared, would be praying for the Rt Hon Lady's health and strength. As he spoke on, the superlatives that came blundering out were drowned by the cheers and jeers of the Government and opposition in turn.

Looking like nothing so much as an animated balloon-glass full of curacao, Dame Jill Knight, dressed in bountiful blue, asked the Prime Minister to agree with her how awful it was that Labour had the day before stopped a Bill that would help prevent children becoming homosexual when they grew up.

Shock! Horror! One could see the visions already forming in Dame Jill's lacquered head, of toddlers the length and breadth of this great country of ours already beginning to affect lisps, grow gaucho moustaches and call each other "sweetie", and all because of Labour. Mrs Thatcher, herself a proud mother, quite agreed.

Mr Derek Spencer (Leicester South, Conservative) said that, as he was the member with the smallest majority (7), he thought he deserved an opportunity for some last minute sucking-up, or words to that effect. The onus was obviously on the somewhat dozy opposition benches to murmur a smidgin of disagreement.

"Not so much a shortage of money as an absence of morality", crooned Mr Kinnock, criticizing the Government's handling of the National Health Service.

Vaudeville turn Mr Ron Lewis (Carlisle), the Harry Worth of British politics, brandished a copy of *The Daily Mail*, which he described with touching intimacy as the Prime Minister's favourite newspaper, and pointed to an article entitled "Who Takes The Prize For Champion Liar?". He then asked her to confirm that at no time over the past seven years had she told a single lie.

At this point Mr Roy Jenkins lifted his head to the ceiling. Was the Prime Minister trapped in the grips of a paradox? If she said "Yes, she could confirm", would that be a logical contradiction in itself?

Mrs Thatcher said that she hoped the gentleman had looked at the replies she had given from the despatch box and had found them accurate "to the very best level of my ability". Mr Jenkins lowered his head gently back down, his momentary sympathy with the Right Honourable Lady once again back in its proper place.

Craig Brown

Charles digs ditches for an island crofter

By Ruth Gledhill

Prince Charles spent most of this week digging ditches, planting potatoes, fencing, crofting and sheep dipping with farm workers on a secluded, sparsely populated Scottish island.

The Prince left his wife behind for the three-day stay on Berneray, in the Hebrides.

"He and his bodyguards were in dungarees, just like everyone else, slaving away with the best of us", Mrs Chrissie MacAskill, whose husband Donald ferried the Prince to the island on Monday evening, said.

"He must be pretty fit because he was helping everyone with the chores on the croft."

Prince Charles stayed with Mr Donald MacKillot, a crofter, and his wife Gloria on the two-by-four mile island where most of the 120 inhabitants prefer to speak Gaelic.

Mrs MacAskill described how the heir to the throne helped her plant the family's potato crop. She said that he followed behind the tractor with the potato bucket after helping with stock fencing, peat cutting, fishing and rounding up the lambs.

"He had a wonderful time. He talked about everything and anything. He just came to see how we lived up here."

She said: "He was last here about two years ago with his wife on their royal tour of the Hebrides and he must have taken to the island way of life then. I think he appreciated the peace and quiet here. He certainly enjoyed the island ceilidh we laid on for him.

"There were Gaelic songs and a few English ones for his benefit. He joined in in great style."

Prince Charles, who left yesterday for an engagement in Glasgow, arranged the visit through the Queen's first cousin, the Fifth Earl of Granville, who lives at North Uist on the west coast of Scotland.

Lost violin found after 51 years

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Mr Beare was first approached about it in 1985 by Miss Rachel Goodkind, whose father had written the standard work on Stradivarius violins.

Mrs Hall had contacted her in an endeavour to establish whether or not she had "The Gibson". Mr Beare was intrigued and flew to New York to meet Mrs Hall but she never turned up.

Negotiations were then set in train by her cousin, a lawyer, but no-one was allowed to see the violin until the issue of ownership and reward had been resolved.

Mr Beare contacted Lloyd's, who were initially reluctant to get involved with reclaiming the instrument and had extraordinary difficulty in tracing the syndicates who had paid Huberman.

Finally Lloyd's retained a New York lawyer who negotiated an agreement with Mrs Hall. The violin now belongs to Lloyd's.

Mrs Hall, aged 69, met Altman in Washington in 1968 while awaiting a divorce from her first husband, a senior chaplain in the US army.

They met at a restaurant where Altman was entertaining. He played "Lara's Theme" from Dr Zhivago for her and she "became smitten". She said: "He played it like a dream".

After years of what she describes as a turbulent relationship, he was jailed for molesting her granddaughter.

She married him in March 1985 in Las Vegas, two days before he was sentenced to prison.

Key seats poll puts Tories 140 ahead

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is very or fairly likely to win the seat compared to 65 per cent of Labour supporters and 48 per cent of Alliance supporters.

Alliance morale is better. In the Conservative/Alliance marginals 87 per cent of Conservatives believe that their party has a very or fairly good chance of winning but so do 71 per cent of Alliance supporters. The Labour figure in these seats is 55 per cent.

The news does not appear much more favourable overall for the SDP/Liberal Alliance. In the Conservative/Labour marginals their vote is down by 6 per cent since March while Labour's is up 2 per cent and that of the Conservatives by 4 per cent.

In the Conservative/Alliance marginals, those in which the Alliance is the second place challenger, MORI measured support at Conservatives 42 per cent, Alliance 30 per cent and Labour 25 per cent. Again, the Alliance is down 7 per cent since March, the Conservatives are up 4 per cent and Labour is up 3 per cent.

The MORI poll reveals that the Conservatives have a considerable advantage over the other parties both in terms of leadership team image and of the popularity of their policies.

On leadership, 46 per cent of voters in the Conservative/Labour marginals believed that the Conservatives have the best team of leaders compared with 21 per cent who gave the verdict to Labour and 16 per cent who reckoned that the Alliance had the best team. In the Conservative/Alliance marginals the figures were: Conservatives 47 per cent, Labour 17 per cent and Alliance 18 per cent.

In the Conservative/Labour marginals 38 per cent of voters believed that the Conservatives have the best policies for the country compared to 25 per cent who said Labour and 20 per cent who believed that the Alliance had the best ideas.

In the Conservative/Alliance marginals 38 per cent backed the Conservatives, 21 per cent Labour and 24 per cent Alliance.

It cannot be good news for the Labour Party, which launched its election campaign with an assault on the Conservative record on unemployment, that the proportion of voters in Conservative/Labour marginals which considers unemployment among the most important issues at the election has declined by 10 per cent since March as the unemployment figures have turned down.

The results of the MORI poll will be a considerable fillip for Conservative campaigners, after pre-election national opinion polls by Gallup and Marplan which have given the Government a lead of 9 per cent and 14 per cent respectively.

However there are some fears in the Conservative camp that their supporters may become complacent. And they will have noted the signs in the MORI poll of a quickening interest among Alliance supporters.

● A poll carried out by Marplan appearing in today's *Daily Express* gives the Conservatives 41 per cent support, Labour 30 and the Alliance 26.

Britain closer to missiles accord

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Group (NPG) session being held here.

Mr George Younger, the Secretary of State for Defence, met his counterparts, Mr Casper Weinberger and Dr Manfred Wörner, in separate talks to give the political nod of approval to what was already a strong military recommendation that the removal of cruise and Pershing 2 missiles from Europe in a long-range intermediate nuclear forces (LRINF) deal with the Soviet Union should be "compensated" by the introduction of new systems to maintain Nato's strategy of flexible response.

Looking ahead to the possibility of both an LRINF and a SRINF deal, Nato military commanders put forward several options yesterday:

●The deployment of B52 bombers, each armed with 12 air-launched cruise missiles in Britain and possibly Spain, or more nuclear-armed American F111 aircraft.

●The assigning of cruise missile-armed submarines, such as the US Los Angeles Class, to the command of Saceur, with the American Holy Loch base in Scotland being the most obvious location.

●The retention of a cut-down version of the Pershing 2, called Pershing 1B, to be based in West Germany and possibly other Nato countries, but not Britain.

●A new Lance battlefield missile with a longer range than the existing system but still just below the 500 kilometre cut-off point for SRINF weapons.

It also emerged yesterday that the US Joint Chiefs of Staff were not in favour of sending B52 bombers with cruise missiles to Britain because of their vulnerability.

25p income tax target

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when it is prudent to do so, because lower taxes sharpen incentives, encourage enterprise, and leave people more money to save and invest."

He warned that if Labour or the Alliance gain power they would not be satisfied with just putting back this year's 2p reduction on to income tax.

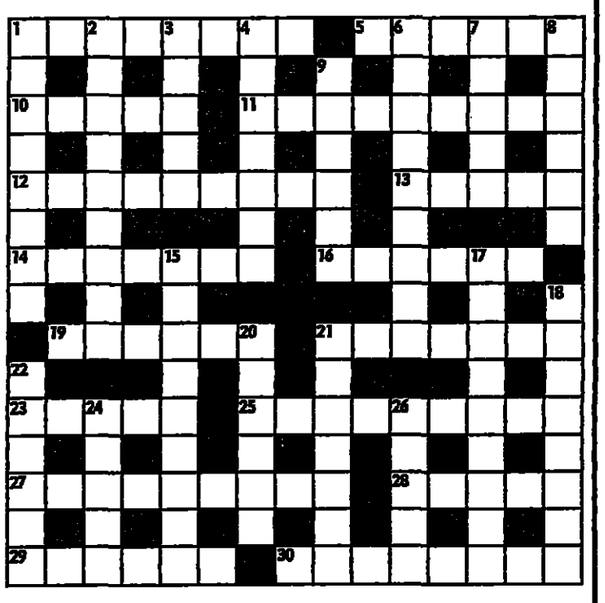
The basic rate of tax would have to be doubled or VAT increased to 50 per cent to finance Labour's spending pledges.

The choice facing the British people was as stark as it had ever been. They could move forward in a spirit of free enterprise and initiative, with incentives to succeed, to compete with confidence in world markets. Or they could go back to the dismal days of state planning and regulation.

Scotland would need to rebuild Hadrian's Wall to stop people fleeing from higher taxes and rates if Labour gained power, Mr Norman Tebbit, party chairman, told the conference.

He said Labour's plans to abolish rate capping would lead to rocketing rates, while their plans for a Scottish assembly with tax-raising powers would be a disaster.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,357



ACROSS

1 Crime discovered by detectives following one into house (8).
5 Approval as expressed by one of the Trinity boatmen (6).
10 Carrier with flier right in the middle (5).
11 Record order apt to cause embarrassment (9).
12 Lightweight in split gave up title (9).
13 First Lady books for sporting contest (5).
14 Walked when young shaver showed the way (7).
16 I'm not going to say why it is sung (6).
19 Neighbour involves little woman in a row (6).
21 Squashes a relative (7).
23 One left in dark (5).
25 Drink which may be barred (9).
27 It provides in-flight reading matter (9).
28 Lad that is moved to perfection (5).
29 Fears loss of opener to slips (6).
30 Money held in trust not long ago (8).

DOWN

1 It comes in term-time and gives rise to mirth (8).
2 Get pickled, notice, after our time in jolly surroundings (9).
3 Creature caught by decoy put in trap (5).
4 Concluded notes about Italian leader (7).
6 A single ship's deserter in river gets clear (9).
7 Search for a weapon (5).
8 "When I am grown to man's ——— " (R.L.Stevenson) (6).
9 Comments by players – of the first elevens? (6).
15 Circus performer in Rome – Latin version (4,5).
17 Covenant to supply cricketers without a square (9).
18 It may be felt in a liner (8).
20 Delicacy in NE City redevelopment (6).
21 Chastise the cat, possibly (7).
22 Minister provides remedy without a word of thanks in return (6).
24 Fifty soldiers turned up with the King afterwards (5).
26 This girl sounds a droop (5).

Concise crossword, page 12

Solution to Puzzle No 17,356

PAISLEY CORACLE
CASCARIBALDI
MORASS OBLIVION
LYDIA MANGANITE
STOCKDOVE SIGHT
AUTOBAHN BICARB
ALPENHORN INDIA
TUSSORE PAGEANT

WEATHER

General situation: a cold, showery, northerly airflow will affect all areas. The day will start cold, dry and quite clear in most places, with a touch of ground frost in one or two well sheltered areas. Coasts exposed to the fresh or strong northerly wind will have early showers, however, and during the morning more of these will develop in inland areas. Some will become heavy, particularly in eastern areas, where there may be hail and thunder in places. Well sheltered areas in the west could stay dry. Snow will fall in the higher areas of eastern and northern Scotland. Although it will be cold in all areas there should be some sunny intervals everywhere. Outlook for the weekend: becoming mainly dry and less cold with sunny periods, especially in the south.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; t, thunder.

		C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	s	19	66	Madrid	s	19	66
Akrotiri	s	23	73	Majorca	c	18	64
Alex'dria	s	24	75	Malaga	f	25	77
Algiers	th	19	66	Malta	f	21	70
Amst'dm	r	8	46	Melb'rne	f	20	68
Athens	s	20	68	Mexico C*	c	22	72
Bahrain	s	34	93	Miami*	f	26	79
Barbados*	s	31	88	Milan	s	17	63
Barcelna	f	16	61	Montreal*	f	18	64
Beirut				Moscow	f	22	72
Belgrade	r	10	50	Munich	f	9	48
Berlin	f	11	52	Nairobi	c	26	79
Bermuda*	f	24	75	Naples	c	21	70
Biarritz	c	14	57	N Delhi	f	30	86
Borde'x	c	15	59	N York*	s	17	63
Brussels	r	8	46	Nice	s	18	64
Budapst	c	9	48	Oslo	c	8	46
B Aires*	c	16	61	Paris	r	8	46
Cairo	f	33	91	Peking	s	25	77
Cape Tn	f	17	63	Perth	f	18	64
C'blanca	f	21	70	Prague	f	11	52
Chicago*	s	22	72	Reykjvik	c	7	45
Ch'church	s	13	55	Rhodes	s	20	68
Cologne	r	11	52	Rio de J	s	28	82
C'phagn	c	10	50	Riyadh	s	39	102
Corfu	f	19	66	Rome	s	18	64
Dublin	f	10	50	Salzburg	f	10	50
Dubrovnik	r	14	57	S F'nsco*	s	21	70
Faro	c	20	68	Santiago*	s	14	57
Florence	f	21	70	S Paulo*	f	26	79
Frankfurt	f	10	50	Seoul	s	23	73
Funchal	f	20	68	Sing'por	f	30	86
Geneva	f	12	54	St'kholm	f	12	54
Gibraltar	s	22	72	Strasb'rg	f	13	55
Helsinki	r	9	48	Sydney	s	25	77
Hong K	c	25	77	Tangier	f	20	68
Innsbrck	s	11	52	Tel aviv	s	25	77
Istanbul	s	21	70	Tenerife	s	23	73
Jeddah	s	32	90	Tokyo	r	13	55
Jo'burg*	s	25	77	Toronto*	s	17	63
Karachi	s	35	95	Tunis	c	23	73
L Palmas	f	22	72	Valencia	c	14	57
Le Tquet	r	8	46	Vanc'ver*	c	14	57
Lisbon	c	20	68	Venice	s	16	61
Locarno	s	17	63	Vienna	f	11	52
L Angels*	c	18	64	Warsaw	r	8	46
Luxembg	r	7	45	Wash'ton*	c	18	64
				Wel'nton	c	13	55
				Zurich	f	12	54

* denotes Wednesday's figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	0.5	.20	12	54	dull
Bridlington	0.3	.21	9	48	shower
Cromer	0.5	.17	12	54	rain
Lowestoft	1.7	.24	13	55	thundr
Clacton	1.8	.35	12	54	rain
Southend	3.2	.30	13	55	rain
Margate	*	.37	11	52	rain
Folkestone	1.7	.44	11	52	thundr
Hastings	2.0	.59	13	55	thundr
Eastbourne	3.5	.44	12	54	shower
Brighton	2.5	.47	12	54	hail
Worthing	2.5	.52	13	55	shower
Littlehmptn	3.5	.58	13	55	shower
Bognor R	4.5	.35	13	55	bright
Southsea	1.9	.29	13	55	cloudy
Sandown	*				
Shanklin	5.8	.44	13	55	shower
Bournemth	3.6	.28	14	57	shower
Poole	3.4	.23	14	57	cloudy
Swanage	2.2	.41	13	55	shower
Weymouth	4.7	.09	14	57	shower
Exmouth	4.1	.05	13	55	bright
Teignmouth	*				
Torquay	5.2	.06	14	57	bright
Falmouth	6.1	.09	13	55	sunny
Penzance	6.3	.07	13	55	sunny
Scilly Isles	6.9	.05	13	55	shower
Jersey	5.0	.19	14	57	rain
Guernsey	4.8	.10	15	59	sunny
Newquay	5.4	.07	13	55	shower
Ilfracombe	2.0	.12	11	52	bright
Minehead	5.5	.07	13	55	shower
B'pool Airpt	2.0	.35	11	52	shower
Morecambe	1.2	.41	11	52	shower
Douglas	2.3	.20	10	50	shower
B'ham Airpt	4.1	.25	12	54	hail
Bristol (Ctrl)	5.3	.32	13	55	hail
Carlisle	0.2	.22	9	48	shower
London	5.0	.50	15	59	thundr
Mancher'sr	0.1	.25	10	50	shower
N'ctl-n-Tyne	*				
Nottingham	2.3	.25	13	55	shower
Anglesey	5.5	.08	12	54	shower
Cardiff (Ctrl)	5.2	.29	12	54	hail
Colwyn Bay	2.3	.10	11	52	dull
Tenby	3.5	.06	13	55	bright
Aberdeen	4.3	.19	10	50	hail
Edinburgh	1.8	.42	10	50	rain
Eskdalemuir	1.7	.28	8	46	rain
Glasgow	2.4	.23	12	54	shower
Kinloss	5.1	.14	10	50	shower
Lerwick	8.7	.06	10	50	shower
Prestwick	2.9	.20	11	52	shower
Stornoway	10.6	.08	10	50	shower
Tiree	9.1	.23	11	52	sunny
Wick	8.5	.02	10	50	hail
Belfast	4.1	.28	12	54	hail

Buying The Times overseas
Austria Sch 29; Belgium B Frs 50; Canada $2.75; Canaries Pes 200; Cyprus 80 cents; Denmark Dkr 12.00; Finland Mkk 9.00; France F 9.00; W Germany DM 3.50; Gibraltar 70p; Greece Dr 200; Holland Gl 3.50; Irish Republic 40p; Italy L 2,700; Luxembourg Lf 46; Madeira Esc 200; Malta 35c; Morocco Dir 12.00; Norway Kr 10.00; Pakistan Rps 18; Portugal Esc 200; Singapore $5.50; Spain Pes 200; Sweden Skr 12.00; Switzerland S Frs 3.00; Tunisia Din 1.00; USA $2.00; Yugoslavia Din 1,000.

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	3.33	7.2	4.00	7.1
Aberdeen	3.04	4.1	3.26	4.2
Avonmouth	9.13	13.1	9.36	13.0
Belfast	12.30	3.3	12.58	3.4
Cardiff	8.58	12.1	9.21	12.0
Devonport	7.54	5.4	8.15	5.4
Dover	12.30	6.5	12.58	6.5
Falmouth	7.24	5.2	7.45	5.2
Glasgow	2.30	4.7	2.46	4.8
Harwich	1.35	4.0	2.00	3.9
Holyhead	—	—	12.13	5.6
Hull	8.12	7.2	8.34	7.3
Ilfracombe	7.55	9.2	8.16	9.2
Leith	4.16	5.5	4.46	5.6
Liverpool	12.51	9.5	1.14	9.4
Lowestoft	11.27	2.4	11.48	2.5
Margate	1.28	4.8	2.03	4.7
Milford Haven	8.09	7.1	8.30	7.1
Newquay	6.59	7.1	7.20	7.1
Oban	7.30	4.0	7.56	4.0
Penzance	6.53	5.5	7.15	5.5
Portland	9.03	2.1	9.27	2.1
Portsmouth	1.03	4.7	1.31	4.6
Shoreham	12.49	6.3	1.17	6.1
Southampton	12.27	4.5	12.54	4.4
Swansea	8.16	9.5	8.37	9.6
Tees	5.28	5.4	5.54	5.4
W'ton-on-Nze	1.28	4.2	1.50	4.2

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

THE POUND

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.45	2.33
Austria Sch	21.90	20.80
Belgium Fr	64.70	61.50
Canada $	2.322	2.212
Denmark Kr	11.71	11.11
Finland Mkk	7.61	7.21
France Fr	10.35	9.85
Germany Dm	3.11	2.95
Greece Dr	226	216
Hong Kong $	13.54	12.84
Ireland Pt	1.166	1.106
Italy Lira	2245	2135
Japan Yen	246	232
Netherlands Gld	3.51	3.33
Norway Kr	11.58	10.98
Portugal Esc	239.50	228.50
South Africa Rd	4.60	3.80
Spain Pta	215.50	205.50
Sweden Kr	10.87	10.32
Switzerland Fr	2.56	2.43
USA $	1.748	1.658
Yugoslavia Dnr	1100	1000

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

Retail Price Index: 100.6

London: The *FT* Index closed up 3.7 at 1684.2.

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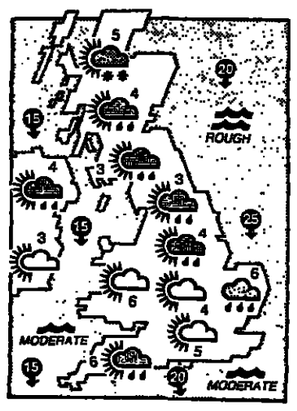

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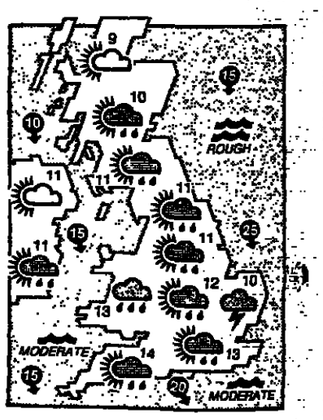

LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 9.15 pm to 4.38 am
Bristol 9.25 pm to 4.48 am
Edinburgh 9.48 pm to 4.30 am
Manchester 9.32 pm to 4.38 am
Penzance 9.31 pm to 5.05 am

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 15C (59F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 8C (43F). Humidity: 6 pm, 76 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.5in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 5.0hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 998.8 millibars, rising.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	r	9	48	Guernsey	c	11	52
B'mngham	f	10	50	Inverness	f	9	48
Blackpool	c	10	50	Jersey	c	11	52
Bristol	c	11	52	London	c	13	55
Cardiff	f	10	50	M'nchster	c	10	50
Edinburgh	r	6	43	Newcastle	r	7	45
Glasgow	c	8	46	R'nldsway	r	10	50

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 10C (50F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 6 (43F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.16 in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 3.7 hr.

Sun rises: 5.10 am | Sun sets: 8.45 pm
Moon sets: 5.46 am | Moon rises: 12.12 am
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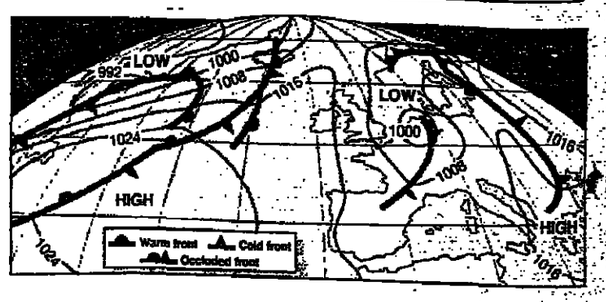

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STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1684.2 (+3.7)

FT-SE 100
2180.0 (+16.6)

Bargains
47513 (46728)

USM (Datastream)
175.45 (+1.12)

THE POUND

US dollar
1.6780 (+0.0085)

W German mark
2.9961 (+0.0027)

Trade-weighted
73.7 (+0.2)

Bank bullish on inflation

3% growth and falls in jobless forecast

By Rodney Lord, Economics Editor

Inflation and the balance of payments are likely to turn out more favourably than forecast at the time of the Budget, according to the Bank of England's latest *Quarterly Bulletin*.

In a generally optimistic assessment of the immediate outlook for the British economy, the Bank says it expects the rate of inflation to peak around mid-year and then fall, possibly to below the 4 per cent forecast for the final quarter in the Budget. It also expects the deficit for the year on the current account of the balance of payments to be £1 billion better than the Budget forecast at about £1.5 billion.

In spite of slow growth in the world as a whole, the British economy is expected to go on expanding at about 3 per cent for the next 12 months, with further falls in unemployment. Growth is likely to be better balanced with higher investment and a better contribution from net trade.

But the Bank is concerned about further erosion of competitiveness through the continuing buoyancy of sterling. The gain in competitiveness achieved by last year's 14 per cent fall in the pound has been cut roughly in half by the 7 per cent recovery in the currency since the beginning of February.

The authorities' attitude to the exchange rate is now asymetrical in the opposite sense to that indicated by the Chancellor at the time of the Paris accord in February. In other words, the Bank does not want to see any rise in sterling nor does it want it to fall substantially.

The Bank believes it right to intervene in foreign exchange markets on a larger scale than in recent years to hold down sterling until it becomes clearer whether upward pressure on the pound is likely to be sustained. This, however, poses the dilemma that intervention could boost the money supply on its broader measures.

While the immediate outlook for Britain is relatively bright, the Bank is gloomy about the world economy. Domestic demand in the leading seven countries is expected to grow more slowly this year at about 2.7 per cent, compared with 3.6 per cent last year. Although the contribution from trade will be less adverse, GNP is expected to grow no faster than last year at about 2.5 per cent, which will have a limiting effect on the outlook for Britain.

The imbalance in the current account between the US and Japan and West Germany is expected to remain large, despite improvements in volume terms. This implies continuing capital flows "on a scale which markets may regard as being unsustainable."

The risks, says the Bank, include an uncontrolled slide in the dollar, a sharp rise in US interest rates and further shocks to the manufacturing sectors of West Germany and Japan – all of which would damage growth prospects in both the industrialized and developing world.

Protectionism is another serious worry, and the Bank criticises the US-Japanese semiconductor agreement as being at odds with the development of multilateral free trade.

The modest rate of growth also renews worries about the capacity of developing countries to repay their debts.

Bill Warhurst

Profit horizon: (from left) Mr Richard Dunn, Mr Hugh Dundas and Mr Derek Hunt yesterday

ECC leaps by 35% to £43.1m

English China Clays, the minerals and construction group, reported better than expected interim results yesterday showing a 35 per cent increase in pretax profits to £43.1 million. Turnover rose by 10 per cent to £341.5 million. An interim dividend of 5p was declared.

The strongest advance was in the construction division where profits rose from £2.5 million to £5.3 million although commercial land sales accounted for £1.7 million of this advance.

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In tomorrow's *Family Money* what action should investors take in the run-up to the general election? How to get the best deal on selling your British Gas or Rolls-Royce shares, and insurance if you cannot pay the mortgage. Plus getting the most out of high interest bank accounts and buying a second home in Italy.

Telecom job

British Telecom yesterday announced its single biggest defence contract, a £130 million order to design and construct a digital communications network for the RAF's project Boxer which will provide secure links to more than 200 British sites. BT will install the optical fibre and microwave radio transmission links and has appointed STC for the long-haul optical fibre installations.

US trade gap narrows

From Bailey Morris, Washington

The United States merchandise trade deficit narrowed to $13.6 billion (£8.14 billion) last month, bolstered by a surge in exports which rose to a near-record level, although the performance was below market expectations.

Initial market reaction to the larger-than-projected deficit was negative. The dollar dropped sharply in early trading in New York, reflecting the view of traders that the deficit would drop much lower in March to the $11 billion level.

But Administration officials said they were heartened by the strong export performance which provided evidence that the record trade deficit was at last turning around.

Although imports last month rose to a record $34.7 billion, US exports, which had failed to respond to the lower dollar, rose by 12.9 percent to $21.1 billion. It was the best US export performance since March, 1981.

Administration officials received bad economic news on another front, however, when the Office of Management and Budget revised upward its budget deficit projections for the 1988 fiscal year which begins in October.

Based on more recent data which reflected a slowing in the US economy, the Administration said the budget deficit would rise to $135 billion, up sharply from an earlier projection of $107.8 billion. The Congressional Budget Office has estimated that the deficit would be even higher, in the $180 billion to $190 billion range.

Retailers warned on debit card

By Our Banking Correspondent

Barclaycard said yesterday that it would make no more concessions to retailers on the terms it is offering on its new Connect debit card, despite threats by retailers to take their complaints to the Office of Fair Trading.

Barclays is due to launch the Connect card on June 3 and is hurriedly negotiating with retailers over the terms on which they will use the system. It warned the retailers that those who continued to resist accepting the Connect card would have to be taken out of the Visa card network altogether.

Mr Seymour Fortescue, a Barclays general manager, said that Barclaycard had agreed to requests to negotiate with retailers on lower charges for the Connect card.

He said that Barclays could not give in to retailers' demand that all traders accepting Visa cards, of which Barclaycard is one, should not also be obliged to accept the Connect card, which is also part of the Visa network. Barclays was bound by the Visa system's rules which insist that all Visa traders were required to accept all Visa cards.

"We have had legal advice on this and we believe our position is quite clear," Mr Fortescue said. But he added that 90 per cent of the 260,000 Visa traders in Britain had already agreed to accept the card.

Earlier this week, the Retail Consortium sent out a list of 14 leading retailers who rejected Barclays's current terms for the card. Mr Fortescue said that one of those on the list had earlier accepted the bank's terms but had since changed its mind.

Soaraway Saatchi climbs to £56m

By John Bell, City Editor

Saatchi & Saatchi, which last year became the world's largest advertising agency, continued its rapid growth in the half year to end-March.

Profits rose for the 23rd consecutive half year – this time by 117 per cent to £56.2 million.

The growth reflected a number of acquisitions last year, notably the purchase of Ted Bates, the leading US agency. Revenues were up 100 per cent to £367 million while earnings per share grew 21 per cent to 21.2p.

Mr Maurice Saatchi, the chairman, and his board are paying shareholders an interim dividend of 6.4p net, an increase of 24 per cent. This reflects the policy of matching dividends with earnings per share growth.

Despite widespread uncertainty among investors over the Ted Bates acquisition, which affected Saatchi shares badly last year, the merger seems to be progressing well in profit terms.

There were significant improvements in margins during the half year from 14.1 per cent last year to 15.3 per cent this time, Mr Saatchi said. The group won important contracts from companies such as Mars, Uniroyal, Renault, ICI, RJR Nabisco, Johnson & Johnson and Procter & Gamble.

Mr Saatchi described the half year as an important one for the company. He said: "We entered 1987 as the world's leading firm in advertising and also as a worldwide force in the key marketing sevices sector, ranking number three in direct marketing, number three in sales promotion, number four in design and number seven in public relations."

The group completed its listing on the Paris Bourse helped by strong demand from Europea

There were plans to widen the base of the company's shareholders by further listings in overseas markets, Mr Saatchi said. The current year would bring a consolidation of last year's advances and was expected to be a record period.

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Thames in record rise to £24.7m

By Colin Campbell

Thames Television, Britain's largest ITV contractor, saw pretax profits rise by 69 per cent to a record £24.75 million in its first full year as a listed company. The turnover rose from £190.9 milion to £222.2 million.

The final dividend of 8p makes 12p for the year, but comments by Mr Hugh Dundas, chairman, about the uncertainty of advertising trends saw the fall by 31p to 488p yesterday.

Mr Dundas, accompanied by Mr Richard Dunn, managing director, and Mr Derek Hunt, finance director, said while unveiling the year-end figures that Thames Television was holding £15 million in cash, funds which the group is quite happy to hold on to while the uncertainty about advertising levels lasts.

Mr Dundas retires as chairman of Thames Television at this year's annual meeting and will be replaced by Sir Ian Trethowan, former director-general of the BBC and a director of Times Newspapers.

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SE prices on the telephone

By Our Banking Correspondent

Members of the public will now be able to tap into the Stock Exchange's own share-price system to get up-to-date prices on the telephone under a system launched yesterday by Teleshare.

The new system enables callers to dial into a single number and obtain "real time" prices on up to 4,000 shares and securities relayed to them by an electronic voice. The information comes directly from the Stock Exchange Quotations System, which is also used by City market-makers. Teleshare claims that it is the first share-quotation system of its kind in the world.

Teleshare works on ordinary telephones and identifies the user by a code. The customer can then hear the current price of any share by dialling the share's code. It is not a dealing service.

There are three categories of membership. Private investors will get the basic share information service. The service costs private investors £35 to join and a further £35 each year.

GrandMet leaps to interim £168m

By Carol Ferguson

Avoiding the worst effects of the weakening dollar, interim pretax profits at Grand Metropolitan jumped 18 per cent to £168 million for the half year to March 31. Without the decline in the dollar, profits would have been £6.6 million higher.

The total group turnover was virtually static at £2.57 billion, but if discontinued businesses are excluded, turnover rose by 12 per cent to £2.49 billion.

With the exception of the Inter-Continental Hotel Corporation, all segments of the business did well, and margins improved significantly across the board.

Mr Stanley Grinstead, the chairman, and his board are raising the interim dividend from 4p to 4.5p.

In brewing, where key brands include Carlsberg, Fosters, Holstein and Budweiser, sales rose as the group increased its share of a market which is essentially static. Increased efficiency helped profits to rise 15 per cent to £41.4 million.

The group also reported a strong performance from Mecca bookmakers following substantial investment. The public house investment programme is also paying off. Despite margin pressure in cheese and milk, trading profit from UK Foods rose 21 per cent £19.3 million. In the US, underlying dollar profits rose by 30 per cent. However, on translation into sterling, the result was up 28 per cent to £27.1 million.

Although there are some signs of a recovery in London, the hotels did badly. Profits declined 4 per cent to £10.3 million.

Stanley Grinstead:

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Gerrard jumps to £11.2m

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

Gerrard and National, the discount house, yesterday announced profits after tax and transfers to reserves of £11.2 million over the year to April 5, up by £1 million from 10.2 million last year.

Mr Roger Gibbs, the chairman, said that in a year when interest rates remained unexpectedly high, the performance was very satisfactory. He said that all sides of the business had contributed to the group's profits.

The company is paying a final dividend of 14p, compared with 12.5p last year, giving a total dividend of 17p compared with 15.5p last time. Disclosed shareholders funds jumped from £65.5 million to £92.2 million, but they include the £22 million raised in a rights issue last June.

G&N's new gilt-edged market-making operation appears to have contributed about 40 per cent of the profits of the group, while the traditional discount house operation contributed about 50 per cent. "Our gilts market maker has been very active and very successful," Mr Gibbs said. "It looks as if we are succeeding in becoming a small international securities specialist," he added.

He said that the success of G&N's gilts operation so far owed much to the low start-up costs of the operation

Shipping firm in strike loss

Sea Containers, the Bermuda company which acquired Sealink British Ferries in 1984, incurred severance costs of $32 million (£19.2 million) and strike and route withdrawal costs of $11.7 million associated with the company's 1986 strike, Mr James Sherwood, the president, said.

The overall group result was a net loss of $49.8 million compared with a 1985 net profit of $39.5 million.

The group plans to sell Sea Containers House in London, which has been completed and is fully let. Mr Sherwood said: "Hopefully, our group will never again have to face such a difficult year as 1986."

Gerrard & National
HOLDINGS PLC

RESULTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5TH APRIL 1987

	1987	1986
PROFIT FOR THE YEAR	£11 219m	£10.120m
TOTAL COST OF DIVIDENDS	£6.479m	£4.726m
DISCLOSED SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	£92.267m	£65.492m
TOTAL ASSETS	£4.176.701m	£3.765.175m

GROUP PROFIT FOR THE YEAR

Group profit after providing for taxation, minority interests and a transfer to inner reserves amounted to £11,219,000 (1986 £10,120,000). After this transfer, inner reserves stand at a higher figure than previously. In addition, £5,157,000 after tax, resulting from the sale of G&N Equipment Leasing Limited, has also been taken to inner reserves.

DIVIDEND

It is proposed that a final dividend of 14.0p (1986 12.5p) be paid on each ordinary share of 25p. This, when added to the interim dividend already paid of 3p (1986 3p), will make a total of 17.0p (1986 15.5p) – an increase of 9.68%. The proposed dividend on the ordinary shares of 25p each will be payable to shareholders on the register as at the close of business on 12th June 1987

DISCLOSED SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

The Group's disclosed shareholders' funds at 5th April 1987 were £92.267 million compared with £65.492 million last year. This year's figure includes the proceeds from the Rights Issue in June 1986, which amounted to £22.035 million.

TOTAL ASSETS

Current assets, excluding those subject to repurchase arrangements, have risen from £3.765 million to £4.177 million. The addition of the £688 million of assets subject to repurchase arrangements gives a balance sheet total of £4.865 million compared with £4.384 million last year.

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Oil company profits make post-election sell-off likely

A privatized future for BP?

By David Young Energy Correspondent

Strong profits announced yesterday by BP make it inevitable that a new Conservative Government will spearhead its privatization programme with the sale of its 32 per cent holding in the company. The estimated proceeds have now been increased to £6 billion from the original £4.6 billion.

The Government will complete the necessary legislation today, enabling the sale to go ahead. It has also underwritten the cost of the sale and will appoint its overseas advisors to the privatization next week.

The BP privatization will be the largest-ever share sale on the world stock markets and is likely to be announced in the first week of a new Conservative Government and take place in the autumn.

Pressure from overseas institutions for shares in BP is already building up to such an extent that the Government will probably insist on a limit of 20 per cent of the shares on offer for overseas buyers. That amount is likely to be trimmed if demand from within Britain is high.

With 60 per cent of its assets in the United States and only 6 per cent of its shares held by US investors, BP is anxious to increase its North American shareholder base and would have no objection to 50 per cent of the company eventually being held in the US.

The strong profit figures – £458 million for the first quarter on an historic cost basis, compared with £22 million for the same period last year, and profits of £324 million compared with £740 million on a replacement cost basis – have impressed oil industry analysts.

The BP cash flow in the first quarter of £1.3 billion has also boosted City enthusiasm for the company, which 24 hours earlier announced the successful completion of its £4.5 billion bid for the 45 per cent it did not already own in Standard Oil of Ohio.

Dr Tim Morgan, of brokers WI Carr and Company, said: "With a cash flow like that it will not take BP long to pay for its purchase of Standard Oil. The company's performance is very impressive by any standard."

Enthusiasm for the company in the US has also been illustrated by the growing market for the warrants it issued as part of its bid for the US holding in Standard Oil. A warrant to buy an American Depositary Receipt in BP for $80 during the next five years was given for each five Standard Oil shares tendered for sale to BP. These warrants are now changing hands at more than $15 – $5 more than original Wall Street estimates.

The more stable world oil price of about $18 a barrel has also helped Royal Dutch Shell to produce first-quarter profit figures that have been welcomed by the City. The group's pretax profit was £1.57 billion compared with £1.95 billion last year, but it cut its taxation from £1.23 billion last year to £883 million and increased its share of the overall world oil market with improved crude oil and oil product sales.

SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York	
Dow Jones	2331.70 (+2.02)*
Tokyo	
Nikkei Dow	24651.44 (+288.25)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	2853.92 (+20.39)
Amsterdam: Gen	286.3 (+0.2)
Sydney: AO	1848.4 (–1.0)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1788.3 (–11.3)
Brussels:	
General	4665.7 (+37.1)
Paris: CAC	449.6 (–2.5)
Zurich: SKA Gen	535.10 (–2.4)
London: FT. A	n/a
FT. Gilts	92.92 (–0.1)

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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:	
BP	354p (+12p)
Glaxo	1580p (+32p)
Grand Met.	535p (+14p)
English China	462p (+20p)
Norcros	397p (+12p)
W Sindall	1045p (+95p)
Walker Greenbank	121p (+15p)
Atlantic Computer	725p (+33p)
Tomkinsons	453p (+23p)
T Cowie	530p (+28p)
Bass	994p (+25p)
Unilever	2828p (+30p)
Delyn Packaging	513p (+51p)
Argyll Group	464p (+16p)
Martin Ford	114p (+13p)
Wellcome	450p (+21p)
Glentree	140p (+65p)
Ratners	359p (+12p)
FALLS:	
Royal Insurance	895p (–24p)
Saatchi & Saatchi	630p (–24p)

Prices are as at 4pm

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 9%
3-month Interbank 8 11/16-8 9/16%
3-month eligible bills: 8 11/32-8 1/2% buying rate
US: Prime Rate 8%
Federal Funds 6 11/16%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.54-5.52%*
30-year bonds 100 9/32-100 11/32*

CURRENCIES

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BUSINESS SUMMARY

Marginal increase for Bank of Ireland

Bank of Ireland, Eire's largest bank, yesterday announced a marginal increase in pretax profits of Ir£200,000 to Ir£81.5 million (£72.1 million) for the year to March 31, after difficult trading due to poor economic conditions in Ireland.

Group earnings per sharerose by 4.2p to 31.5p, an increase of 15.4 per cent. A final dividend of 7.75p is proposed, giving a total dividend for the year of 11p. Net interest income remained almost static at Ir£335.9 million, although other income rose by 11 per cent to Ir£81.6 million. Group lending rose by Ir£1 billion over the year, but almost all of this was attributable to the purchase of BankAmerica Finance, the mortgage operation which is now renamed Bank of Ireland Home Mortgages.

Eglinton calls for Ir£1.5m

Eglinton Oil and Gas is raising Ir£1.5 million (£1.32 million) with a rights issue of 6,535,910 new ordinary shares. The new shares will be offered at 25p each on the basis of one new share for every eight held, and carry an additional warrant element. Eglinton made a pretax loss of £173,808 in the year to December 31.

Vaux in hotel site purchase

Swallow Hotels, the subsidiary of the Vaux Group, has paid £2.8 million for the Royal Hotel site in the centre of Bristol, where it will spend £9 million reconstructing the hotel. It has bought also a 6-acre site on the M1/M25 interchange at Watford, where it will build a 160 bedroom 4-star hotel. They will open in 1989.

Brown & Tawse buys

Brown & Tawse, the Dundee steel and pipeline products distributor, is paying £5.2 million cash for Stauff, an hydraulics distribution business, and a group of associated companies. These companies and their network of 27 distributorships throughout Britain do not constitute a formal group but are estimated to have earned between them profits of £400,000 in the 11 months to February 28.

Mr Douglas Rae, chairman and managing director of Brown & Tawse, said the acquisition offered "good potential for growth" through its wide customer base and national presence.

API profit up 31% to £3m

Associated Paper Industries (API) increased profits by 31.5 per cent, from £2.313 million to £3.043 million in the six months to March 28. Earnings per share increased from 9.5p to 9.6p and shareholders collect a 2.5p interim dividend against 2.2p before. The highest contribution to profits came from two new acquisitions, Dri-Print Foils and Tenza.

Sock Shop at the double

Sock Shop International share prices more than doubled on their first day of dealing on the USM yesterday. After opening at a 64 per cent premium to the 125p offer-for-sale price, the shares rose to 295p before settling at about 260p. On forecast profits of £1.7 million to end-September, the shares are selling on a p/e ratio of 50 times.

STOCK MARKET

Bejam reaches record on renewed bid speculation

By Michael Clark

Revived bid speculation boosted the shares of **Bejam**, the frozen food retailer and an old takeover favourite, yesterday, driving the price up by 9p to a record 192p.

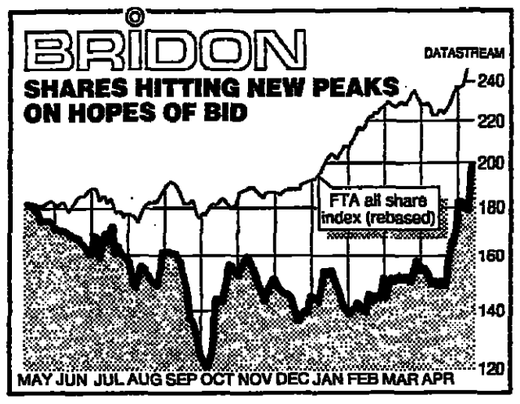
Once again, the name of **Iceland Frozen Foods**, a relative newcomer to the stock market, is being tipped as the likely bidder. Despite the fact that Iceland is still worth less than half the £239 million Bejam is currently capitalized at, some dealers still regard it as an ideal match.

Iceland is said to have already given Bejam, which now includes the Victor Value supermarket chain, the "once-over." Bejam is predominately situated in the south, while Iceland's 128 outlets are situated between the North-west and South-west of England. Iceland, which last month raised £7.5 million by a rights issue after announcing a 30 per cent increase in pretax profits to £5.1 million, finished 4p higher at 362p.

Mr Malcolm Walker, Iceland's chairman, told shareholders at yesterday's annual meeting that the overall performance in 1987 would show a significant increase on last year.

Meanwhile, the rest of the equity market continued to reach fresh heights, although it was looking a little tired towards the close, with prices closing below their best level's of the day. This was reflected in the FT-SE share 100, which leaped by 16.6 to a record level of 2,180.0, after being 20.5 up at one stage.

The narrower FT 30 share index finished only 3.7 up at 1,684.2, having been 9.0 points higher earlier.



Gilts opened firm after Wednesday's first-ever auction of £1 billion of tap stock, which was oversubscribed. But prices failed to hold their best levels, with rises at the longer end of the market restricted to £⅛ by the close.

● Booker, the food distributor, stood out with a leap of 19p to 474p yesterday — making a rise on the week of 36p. The group is on a visit to the US where it has been hoping to drum up support for its shares. But it has apparently ruled out the possibility of a quote there.

The Government's decision to plough more funds into the fight against Aids turned out to be good news for the drug companies. Wellcome, which has led the fight against the disease with its new drug, Retrovir, bounced up by 18p to 447p.

Grand Metropolitan jumped 5p to 526p after interim figures above most market expectations. Kleinwort Grieveson, the broker, had been looking for £167 million and must have been extremely pleased with the final outcome of £168 million.

The news from Grand Met also focused attention on the rest of the drinks sector with Bass climbing 22p to 991p ahead of figures soon. There were whispers in the market that it is about to buy the European side of Holiday Inns, the US hotel group. But **Allied-Lyons**, reporting next week, slid 5p to 431p.

Still responding to recent bullish comments from Barclays de Zoete Wedd, the broker, **Glaxo** advanced another 32p to £15.80 on a turnover of 2.4 million shares. BZW visited the company earlier this week and was impressed with the progress being made on the development front.

The re-rating of **GEC**, the electrical and electronics giant, continues apace. The shares advanced another 8p to 236p — a rise on the past 10 days of almost 40p.

Bridon, the old British Ropes, remained a hot takeover favourite, climbing 7p to a peak of 198p — making a two-day gain of 21p — amid further hectic turnover. Yesterday, market men were talking of a possible bid from Williams Holdings, the acquisitive industrial holding group headed by Mr Nigel Rudd. Williams has had a poor track record to date. Last month, its fiercely contested £570 million bid for Norcros ended in failure as did a similar assault on McKechnie Bros last year. Talk that Williams had placed its 6 per cent stake in Norcros proved unfounded, although the price rose by 16p to 798p.

There has been intense speculation about a bid for Bridon for some time. Last year, several large holdings were built up in the company.

Dealers have been talking about an opening shot of 220p a share, which would value Bridon at £121 million.

But there was the smell of burnt fingers in **Morgan Crucible** after Mr Robert Holmes à Court's Bell Group placed its entire 19 per cent holding in the company around the 333p level. Last week, shares in Morgan Crucible raced ahead, on talk that the Bell Group was about to launch a full bid. Morgan Crucible ended 16p lower at 351p.

● Mystery surrounded the sharp rise in Phicom, the light engineering and communications group, after Robert Fleming sold Magnum Corporation's 60.9 per cent stake to various institutions. Despite the move, dealers still regard Phicom as an ideal "shell" situation and a likely bid target.

The news may have also fuelled speculation that Mr Ron Brierley, the New Zealand businessman, was about to sell his entire holding in Ultramar, up 5p at 250p.

TEMPUS

Hotels setback for GrandMet

As a diverse company, involved in many related but nevertheless separate activities, Grand Metropolitan has often been criticized for not firing on all cylinders.

Judging by the interim results, the group has nearly completed a realignment of its business, and is now ready to deliver results.

The only cylinder not quite firing smoothly is the Inter-Continental Hotels group, where profits have been stagnating.

The three Paris hotels are still suffering from the aftermath of last year's terrorism scares. And in America, business in its Houston hotel has been badly affected by the depressed state of the oil-related Texas economy.

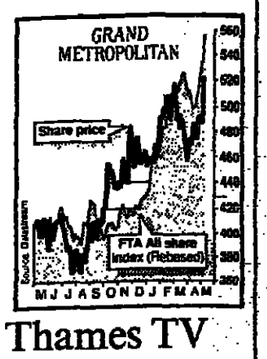
For a hotel chain with an up-market image and international brand recognition, an annual return of £30 million on a business reckoned to be worth £1 billion is clearly inadequate.

The problems, it appears, go somewhat deeper than just adverse trading conditions.

But Grand Metropolitan is now taking more direct control of Inter-Continental, cutting back its top-heavy management structure.

The group makes 45 per cent of its profits in the US and dollar weakness could cost the group dear in the second half. But it has a degree of hedging in that 90 per cent of its debt is now dollar denominated and the recent Swaps deal limits the exposure to rising US interest rates.

Full-year profit forecasts of £450 million are unlikely to be too ambitious and a prospective multiple of 14 does not look too demanding at this stage. The shares have not yet had the re-rating they deserve.



Thames TV

Like vicars, commercial television companies should always tell the truth. But the price for honesty at Thames Television — that March network advertising revenue increased by only 4 per cent and that there is uncertainty in the industry about short-term advertising trends — saw the share price down by 31p to 488p yesterday.

The fall also took the gloss off record pretax profits of £24.75 million against £14.63 million and the useful, additional 0.8 per cent slice of the industry's network revenue. Thames's share of network revenue has now reached 15.8 per cent, an increase largely due to the group's own sales push. Though there are more benefits from recent productivity agreements to come, nobody should look for the rate of profit increase to continue.

Wider investments in European satellite interests, new sales offices in Paris and Madrid and the ongoing selling programme to the United States, coupled with some growth of the home market, should lift Thames into higher ground this year, possibly to between £28 million and £30 million. For those with longer-term faith, the current weakness is a buying opportunity.

A shine on ECC

That English China Clays fared well in quarry products and housebulding was no great surprise since others in the field have produced fine figures of late. But the progress in clay and carbonates was particularly encouraging.

This division, accounting for two-thirds of trading profits, advanced by 27 per cent to £31.2 million and widened margins.

Group clay volumes worldwide grew by 9 per cent and price rises of between 3 and 4 per cent stuck. Calcium carbonates won similar price increases, but demand was firmer, rising by 14 per cent.

The underlying strength of the paper and writings market has exceeded expectations, absorbing much of the new capacity which has come on stream. Emphasis on higher quality coated papers has suited ECC perfectly.

To meet growing demand — forecasters are expecting 3 to 4 per cent annual growth — ECC is spending more than £50 million on additional plant and reserves.

A weak dollar and strong pound is normally bad news for ECC's competitive position, but demand for pigments in the US is such that much of the adverse influence is avoided.

Things are looking good for housing and quarry products with lower interest rates and a solid road programme.

The one black spot, International Drilling Fluids, remains profitable, unlike many of its competitors. It should continue to hold its own.

The shares are on an undemanding price/earnings ratio of 13 on full-year estimates of £110 million. They have further to go.

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES		
Airtours (180p)	207	+1
Bellwinch (115p)	154	+4
Bonded Laminates	98	
Burford (80p)	230	+10
Camb Instr (130p)	130	
Camb Isotopes (55p)	83	−2
Capital Radio (105p)	172	−1
Colorgraphic (125p)	185	−1
Cooper (A) (130p)	148	+2
Cundell New (125p)	155	+2
Dale Group (110p)	123	
Doeflex (135p)	173	
Epwin (155p)	195	+2
Filofax	181	
Malletr	240	
March Gp	120	−1
Molex	£26¾	+
Nobo (152p)	180	+2
Perpetual (180p)	195	
RKF	89	+1
Reliance Sec	175	+2
Scandinavian Bk (210p)	263	+3
Select App (135p)	226	−2
Sinclair G S (90p)	115	+5
Sock Shop (125p)	257	
TSB Group (100p)	91	−2
UCL Gp	160	
Virgin (140p)	168	
Waterglade (140p)	188	
Wyevale (120p)	220	+9
RIGHTS ISSUES		
Blackwood Hodge N/P	13½	
Brent Walker N/P	173	−1
Fisher A N/P	18	
Priest M.6h% Cnv N/P	£41	+6
Tyzack N/P	39	+1
Vaux N/P	54	−2
Walker A N/P	59	+6

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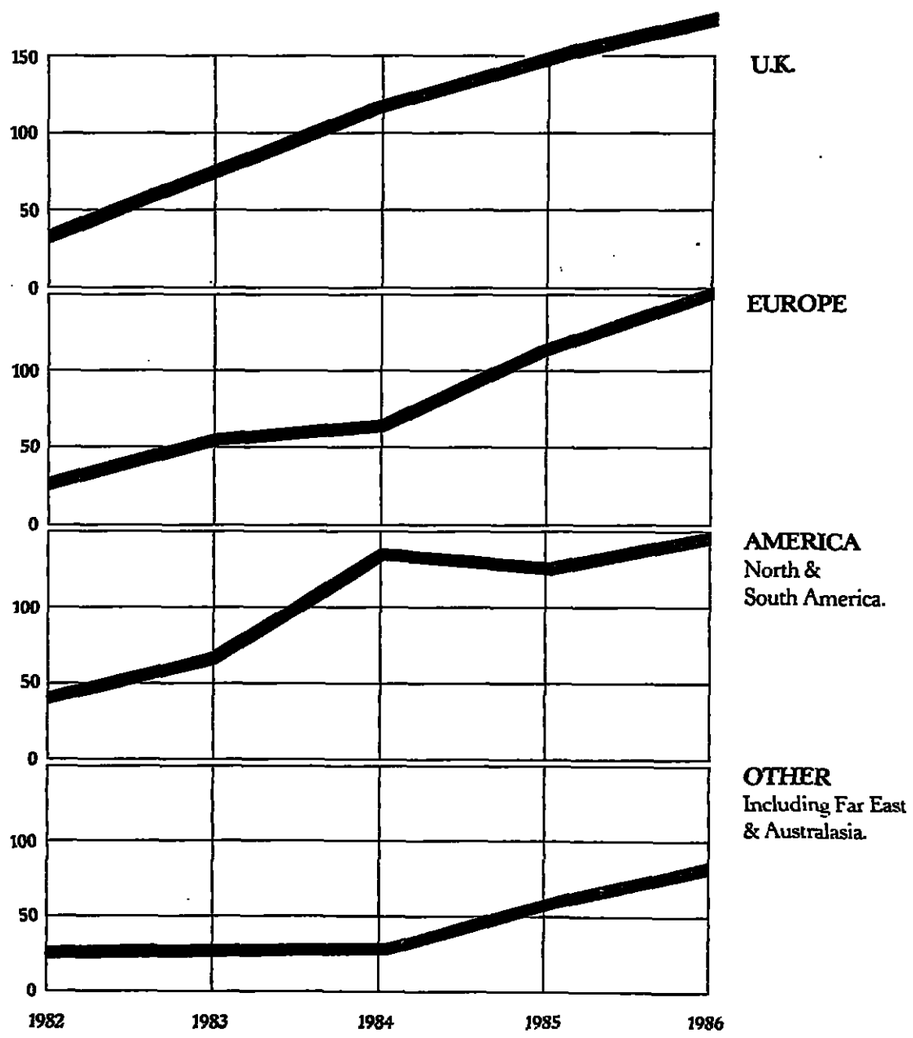

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Annual Meeting of Stockholders

BASF '87

The Annual Meeting of Stockholders will be held on Thursday, June 25, 1987, 10:00 a. m. at the BASF Feierabendhaus, Leuschnerstraße 47 Ludwigshafen/Rhine, West Germany

Agenda

1. Presentation of the Financial Statements of BASF Aktiengesellschaft and BASF Aktiengesellschaft consolidated with its German Subsidiaries; presentation of the Annual Reports of BASF Aktiengesellschaft and BASF Aktiengesellschaft consolidated with its German Subsidiaries; presentation of the Supervisory Board Report.
2. Declaration of dividend.
3. Ratification of the actions of the Supervisory Board.
4. Ratification of the actions of the Board of Executive Directors.
5. Change to the Articles of Incorporation.
6. Appointment of auditors.

Shareholders wishing to participate in the Annual Meeting and to exercise their right to vote must have deposited their shares during normal office hours and in the prescribed form at a depository bank. The shares should remain deposited until the conclusion of the Annual Meeting. Shareholders have the right to vote by proxy. Depository banks and the full Agenda are published in the "Bundesanzeiger" of the German Federal Republic Nr. 90 of May 15, 1987.

Depository bank is in the U. K.: S.G. Warburg & Co. Ltd.

The deposit is only effective if the shares are submitted by Friday, June 19, 1987.

Ludwigshafen/Rhine, May 15, 1987
The Board of Executive Directors

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Exco sale dents profits at British & Commonwealth

By Joe Joseph

British & Commonwealth, the former shipping group which has grown into an aggressive and innovative force in financial services since Mr John Gunn took over the helm last October, yesterday reported a fall in pretax profits to £51.5 million last year from a restated £78.7 million.

But the setback in the 1986 results, which analysts regard as of little more than historic interest considering the flood of recent changes at B&C, can largely be traced to the sale in 1985 of Exco, the broking and banking group, whose absence from the 1986 accounts dented B&C's pretax figures.

Significantly, the company is paying an increased final dividend of 3.55p making 6p for last year, up from 5p previously.

Operating profits grew by 23 per cent in 1986 to £27.9 million, due largely to the significantly higher contribution made by financial services. B&C's air transport activities provided the only major blemish, with profits falling by £6.4 million as a result of the downturn in North Sea oil and reduced profit on aircraft sales.

The 1986 results provide little pointer to the state of the company today, since they reflect a period before B&C bought Exco back into the fold and before the major restructuring of the group carried out since Mr Gunn was installed as chief executive and began his mission to build "Britain's largest non-bank financial services company."

Under his leadership, B&C has barely stood still, firing off two major agreed bids – one for Exco, the other for the overseas trading company Steel Brothers – and a string of smaller deals, like buying an 80 per cent stake in RMJ, a top US government securities dealer. B&C is currently sitting on about £500 million of cash or marketable securities and no net gearing.

Analysts are already penciling in pretax profits of about £140 million for 1987, with financial services fuelling the growth. "We are very positive about the financial side of the group, and we are very liquid," said Mr Peter Goldie, joint managing director, who will be chief executive in June when Mr Gunn becomes chairman.

● Exco reported pretax profits of £70.08 million last year down from £87.44 million in 1985, when the results included £34.1 million for Telerate, the financial information group in which Exco had a 52 per cent stake for most of the year. There is no final dividend now that Exco is part of B&C.

John Gunn: plans Britain's biggest non-bank financial group

Profits rise 94% at News Corp

By Ray Heath

News Corporation, the world's largest media group and publisher of *The Times*, *The Sunday Times*, *The Sun* and *News of the World*, almost doubled profits for the nine months to end-March.

The world-wide turnover of the company rose 44 per cent to Aus$3.92 billion (£1.68 billion), while pretax profits increased by 94 per cent from Aus$197 million to Aus$382 million.

This was achieved despite a hefty increase in interest charges from Aus$147 million to Aus$268.9 million and a reduction in foreign exchange gains from Aus$67.3 million to Aus$32.9 million.

News Corporation's US interests performed best, contributing the bulk of profits and recording the largest percentage gain.

Twentieth Century Fox Film Corporation provided most of the US trading profits, which jumped more than 200 per cent from Aus$104.5 million to Aus$315.62 million.

Fox's motion picture division, DeLuxe Laboratories – America's largest film processor – and CBS/Fox Video, the country's leading home video tape distributor, produced excellent results, according to the company. However, News Corporation's US publishing interests and newspapers contributed only a marginal profit increase.

In Britain, the benefits of News International's new plant at Wapping helped to offset advertising revenues, which were below expectations, and "very disappointing" results from Sky Channel.

The Sun, *News of the World* and *The Sunday Times* all produced good trading profits and the total British performance improved 20 per cent to Aus$198 million (£85 million).

News Corporation's Australian profits were boosted by the Hong Kong South China Morning Post group and the Herald and Weekly Times.

While advertising conditions remained difficult, *The Australian* and *Daily Telegraph* in Sydney showed good profit growth. Trading profits in Australia were up 28 per cent at Aus$66.3 million.

The last quarter's figures from News Corporation will contain an extraordinary gain of about Aus$600 million from the sale of its Australian television and broadcasting interests earlier this year.

COMMENT Kenneth Fleet

Saatchi discovers fresh fields for conquest

It ought to be getting harder for Saatchi & Saatchi to continue delivering the goods after year upon year of relentless growth. Yet even after attaining the distinction of becoming the world's biggest advertising agency, there is no shortage of ideas about where to go next. The Saatchi brothers have their sights firmly fixed on consultancy as a fresh field to conquer, having acquired one of the leading US companies last year.

Shareholders need look no further to discover the next engine of growth to drive the group to even bigger things. The brothers have chosen their target well. In Britain, revenues of consulting firms grew by 35 per cent last year. In some specialist niches of the business, the potential is even greater. In information-technology, consultancy-income almost doubled.

The Saatchis have researched and planned their diversification strategy meticulously in the past. Their analysis of the potential in consulting suggests that by the end of the decade there will be a worldwide market worth $200 billion, with fewer than 10 broadly-based groups, accounting for, perhaps, a third of the business. In reaching the top spot in the advertising world, Saatchi devised and pursued a policy of equipping itself to provide global services for global businesses.

Meanwhile, Saatchi has laid to rest one important fear, which panicked investors last year. It was said that the client-conflicts arising from the merger of Ted Bates's operations with Saatchi's own in the US would lead to a wholesale loss of big accounts and to Saatchi's image in a world where gloss is all.

There were, indeed, substantial and painful defections. Hundreds of millions of billings disappeared in search of other agencies. The City, shaken by what looked like the first real setback to the group's dynamic growth, was in no mood for bravery and sold the shares heavily.

It is now clear that the endlessly-repeated observation, endlessly ignored in the market, that new business was coming in just as quickly was, in fact, perfectly true. The half-year figures revealed yesterday were several millions better than the most optimistic of outside forecasts. In fact, they were, perhaps, £3 million better than they looked, due to a decision to adopt a conservative conversion rate for dollar-earnings during the six months.

With perfect hindsight, Saatchi shares were hopelessly oversold at the equivalent of 430p last autumn. Now, at 624p, after a bout of predictable profit-taking, they are still not expensive. Profits of £115 million are within reach this year, leaving the shares on an average market rating.

As Saatchi has shown all too clearly for the past decade, it is by no means an average company.

Exit Heslop with honour

The wait for Philip Heslop QC to do what every honourable and/or sensitive member of the legal profession felt he should – withdraw as an inspector investigating the circumstances leading up to and surrounding the acquisition of House of Fraser two years ago – was a shade more protracted than it might have been, but he has done it. He was appointed a month ago when Paul Channon, Secretary of State at the Department of Trade and Industry, yielded to the unrelenting pressure of Roland (Tiny) Rowland and ordered an inquiry under Section 432 of the Companies Act 1985, the same wide-ranging section under which, coincidentally, other DTI inspectors are labouring in the Guinness vineyard.

Also, coincidentally, Mr Heslop has been acting for Ernest Saunders, Guinness's former chairman, who as well as being the leading figure in the Guinness inquiry, is also facing charges of attempting to pervert the cause of justice and of destroying or falsifying documents. The link between Mr Rowland and Mr Saunders during Guinness's successful bid for DCL (Distillers) was the sale of certain brands of whisky, accounting for 10 per cent of the UK scotch market, to Lonrho for £3.5 million net.

The connection, which carried with it a theoretical conflict of interest, may have been one any barrister worth his salt would easily dismiss from his mind. It certainly did not bother the Minister and his officials; and the DTI also said they were completely relaxed when Mr Rowland appeared as Mr Saunders' champion and this week stood surety for half his £500,000 bail. Not so, understandably, Mr Heslop who has now resigned, thereby forestalling any suggestion that the Fraser report might have been tinged by a conflict of interest.

It is clearly important that government-inspired investigations into corporate affairs should be conducted with scrupulous impartiality; they must also be seen to be absolutely fair. The onus on ministers who decide to have these and other inquiries ought to be at least as great as that put on inspectors. Their record, however, is uneven. Some investigations should not have been undertaken; others which should have been ordered were not; and certain decisions to publish and not to publish findings are still surrounded by suspicion. In other words, departmental pressures and political expediency have as big a part, probably bigger, in the process as the pursuit of truth.

Clerical in fixed price share offer

By Amanda Pardoe

Clerical Medical International, a Luxemburg-based subsidiary of the insurance company Clerical Medical, is offering 100 million shares at a fixed price of £1 each.

It is believed to be the first time a British mutual life office has set up an offshore closed-end investment company. CMI will offer investors access to various world markets. On offer are three risk-graded portfolios – Safeguard, Growth and Enterprise

The subscription lists for the shares will open on June 1

The minimum investment is £1,000, with a minimum of £500 in any one portfolio. Shareholders who invest more than £2,500 in shares during the initial offer period and hold on to them for 12 months will receive a one per cent additional allocation

The prospectus will be printed in *The Times* tomorrow.

Insurers shrug off big winter claims

By Joe Joseph

Britain's biggest general insurance group, Royal Insurance, and General Accident, the composite insurer, both continued the recovery seen last year to report a healthy performance at the end of the first quarter despite a painful flood of claims sparked by freezing weather in Britain last winter.

"It is clear that 1987 will be better than 1986, and 1988 will be better still," said Mr Chris Pountain, an insurance analyst with Wood Mackenzie, the stockbroker. "Business in North America has been better than expected, particularly for Royal, and both companies are at last seeing some signs of improvement in British motor insurance."

Royal, building on last year's record returns, reported pretax profits of £47.8 million, up from £29.4 million in the first three months of 1986, despite a £3.8 million loss from unfavourable exchange rate movements. General premiums were up to £811.5 million from £744.9 million.

But the company warns that the first quarter figures should not be seen as a barometer of the year's likely outcome

SE listing for Nokia

Nokia, the second largest Scandinavian electronics company – and Finland's biggest private-sector industrial group – is to be listed on the London Stock Exchange.

While Nokia will not be raising any finance at this stage, the London quotation will give it better access to international financial markets and facilitate acquisitions

Dealings in the preferred shares begin on Monday.

Chemoxy in £5.4m flotation

By Alexandra Jackson

Chemoxy International, the processor and developer of speciality chemicals, has come to the market by way of a placing of 1,046,680 shares at 185p by De Zoete & Bevan Ltd, valuing the company at £5.4 million.

Chemoxy was the subject of a management buyout from Carless, Capel & Leonard in 1984 and has moved from a pretax loss of £165,000 in 1982-83 to pretax profits of £436,000 in 1986-87. The shares are selling on an historic p/e ratio of 13 times on a 27 per cent tax charge.

Of the shares being placed, 650,000 are new shares which will raise £1.02 million net of expenses. The money will be used to commission a new reaction and distillation plant at the group's 15-acre freehold site on Teesside.

Two-thirds of Chemoxy's business is in the processing of chemicals for third parties.

Reed plan to sell DIY arm could threaten jobs

By Derek Harris
Industrial Editor

Possible loss of jobs in Britain could become an issue in the planned sale by Reed International of its paint and DIY group, with brands including Crown and Polycell.

This was indicated yesterday by Mr Paul Lever, managing director of Crown Paints, one of the leaders of the consortium that wants to buy out the operation from Reed. But it is looking as though a number of big companies here and abroad will also put in bids to Reed.

The paint and DIY interests of Reed are expected to fetch about £200 million.

The jobs threat is in the paints sector, according to Mr Lever. "As far as jobs are concerned, our management buy-out plan does not include any significant redundancies. But one cannot answer for any other new owner. What if a fancy price is paid by a company which has ample paint-making capacity?"

Crown has two paint manufacturing operations, with about 1,200 workers at Darwin, Lancashire, and 300 at Haltwhistle on the edge of the Borders. At both locations Crown is the biggest employer in the area.

Speculation on possible competitive bids focus on Berger, part of West Germany's Hoechst; Blundell-Permoglaze, a subsidiary of Akzo in The Netherlands; Donald Macpherson, which is Finnish owned; and Yorkshire-based Kalon.

ICI, which with Dulux is leader in premium-branded paints, is an unlikely contender owing to monopoly implications. ICI has about 32 per cent of the branded retail market where Crown is second with 17 per cent.

But Polycell, market leader in home decoration adhesives and fillers, could prove a big draw as a brand for a foreign predator looking for a strong foothold in the British market.

No referral

The proposed acquisition by Seagram Distillers of George Morton Limited from the Argyll Group will not be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Zorn with the wind?

Raphael Zorn, one of the City's few remaining independent firms of stockbrokers, celebrates its 200th anniversary next week. It could be just in the nick of time. Its partners have been sighted in various watering holes within the Square Mile, entertaining just a little too generously and smiling just a little too broadly – giving rise to speculation that a takeover bid could at last be on the way. The firms seven equity partners, led by senior partner Graham Laing, were locked away in yet another all day meeting yesterday, making it impossible for anyone to confirm my story. But they are, I understand, in negotiations with at least two suitors and news of a deal – valuing Raphael at an estimated £15 million – is imminent. There should be a million or two in it for each of them.

The numbers game

"Whitehall officials believe" will be one phrase missing from all national newspapers over the next four weeks. Anxious to preserve its reputation for impartiality, which has come under some strain in recent years, the Civil Service has to be particularly on its guard during the election campaign. An early casualty of Mrs Thatcher's election date announcement are the regular briefings held in Whitehall on official statistics. According to the Department of Employment, its information activities during the election period are "severely circumscribed". Yesterday's briefing on the unemployment figures was cancelled and we will never now know – at least until after June 11 – whether officials believe it is about to drop below that magic 3 million figure.

A useful commodity

Saxon Tate, chairman of the London Commodity Exchange – which is due to move to its new docklands home, Commodity Quay, later this month – is keeping his fingers crossed that the move goes without a hitch. Tate, a member of the wealthy Tate & Lyle sugar family, hopes that his last experience of an opening ceremony hasn't set a precedent. A few years ago, before he became a commodity broker, his luggage was stolen as he travelled from Swaziland to Pakistan, for the opening of a sugar mill. He was left with what he stood up in – a pair of jeans and a Mr Cube T-shirt. But a quick whiproud saved the day and he was suitably attired to rub shoulders with the president of Pakistan.

"On 150 shares, I hardly think madam will make enough to buy one"

Soft south

Who says there's no such thing as a north-south divide? Not Tony Pidgley, who builds houses for the rich in the "soft" south. His Berkeley Group handed over the keys to 331 new dwellings last year, and collected an average of £163,000 for each. Two of them, in opulent St George's Hill, Weybridge, went for £550,000 each. The buyers were an "American banker and a Middle East family," he says. This year he will have six new homes up for sale in Coombe Hill, Kingston-upon-Thames. He reckons they will fetch a cool £750,000 apiece. Form an orderly queue, please.

Schooled at Harvard

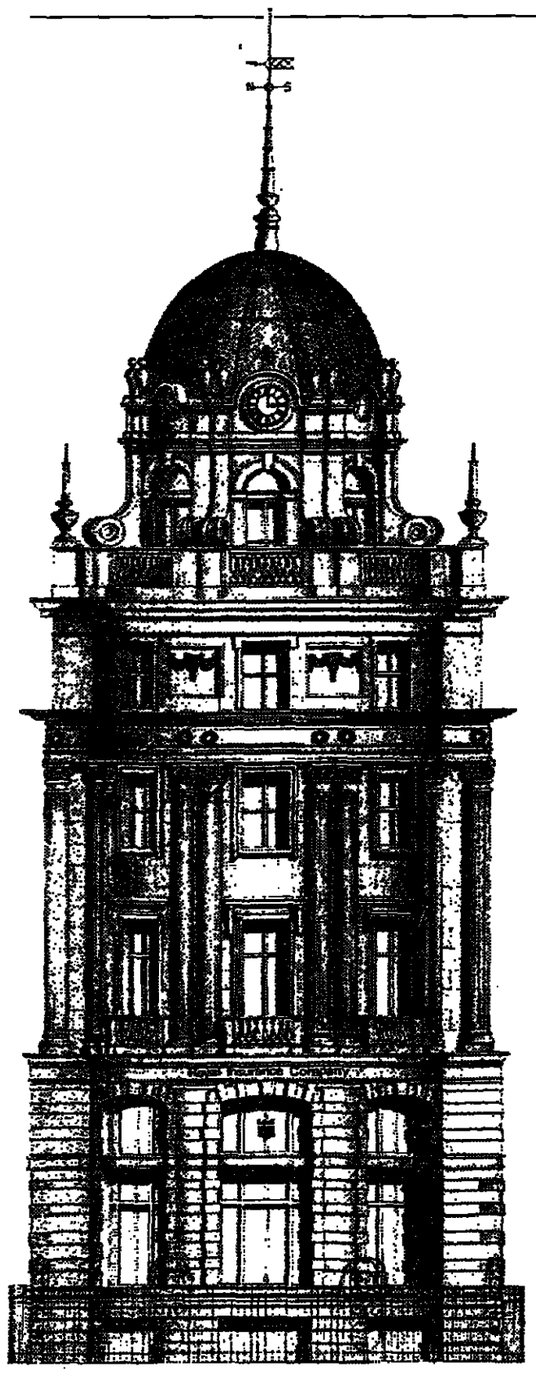
It has often been said that for a man, chosing a secretary can be a bit like chosing a wife. Since most senior business executives spend more time in the office than at home with their wives, it is, perhaps, hardly surprising. But Tom Wilmot, colourful chairman of lively licensed dealer Harvard Securities, seems to be finding the selection process far from easy. Acting on an anonymous tip-off that his latest secretary had left abruptly, I discovered that he has employed some half-a-dozen temporary secretaries in the past few months. His colleague Tom Vallance, the compliance officer at Harvard, tells me: "At one time they were being changed once a week." What exactly is he looking for? "He likes them to be pretty, to be a hostess and to do instantaneous work – it's a very demanding job," explains Vallance. A bottle of champagne, no doubt, for the eventual lucky lady.

Socking it . . .

How the rich get richer. Sophie Mirman and her husband Richard Ross, the 30-year-old founders of Sock Shop, saw their new-found fortune more than double within minutes yesterday. As the shares, offered for sale at 125p soared to 295p in early trading, the value of their remaining 82 per cent holding climbed from £22 million to almost £53 million. At the close, with the shares back down to 257p, their fortune was back down to a mere £46 million.

Carol Leonard

ESTIMATED FIRST QUARTER RESULTS 1987



Pre-tax profits increased by over 62% to £47.8m and earnings per share rose from 10.2p to 13.2p.

The recovery in results continued in both the United States, where there was a pre-tax profit of £41.2m and in Canada which achieved a profit of £11.8m.

In the United Kingdom there was a pre-tax loss of £18.7m with the result being severely affected by some £56m of weather claims, the highest ever total in a quarter.

Pre-tax earnings for Royal Life Holdings rose by over 38% to £10.1m. New annual life premiums increased by 30% to £21.3m and new single premiums by 90% to £123.1m.

Operating conditions in our major markets remained favourable. Taking into account the weather losses and some not unexpected resurgence of competition in the United States, we have made a useful start to a year during which we believe there will be further benefits from the improvement strategies implemented in recent years.

	3 Months to 31 March 1987 (unaudited) £m	1986 £m	Year 1986 (audited) £m
General Premiums	811.5	744.9	3,103.1
Long-term Premiums	228.3	144.4	692.3
General Insurance:			
Underwriting Balance	–57.0	–65.3	–108.8
Allocated Investment Income	66.7	66.6	278.8
Result	9.7	1.3	170.0
Long-term Insurance Profit	8.7	7.0	28.4
Investment Income attributable to Capital and Reserves	23.7	18.7	89.3
Share of Associated Companies' profits	5.7	2.4	17.1
Profit before taxation	47.8	29.4	304.8
Taxation	16.2	5.1	54.4
Minority Interests	0.4	0.3	1.8
Net Profit	31.2	24.0	248.6
Earnings per share	13.2p	10.2p	105.3p
Capital and Reserves	£2,496m	£2,159m	£2,465m

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Royal Insurance

I. J. Dewhirst

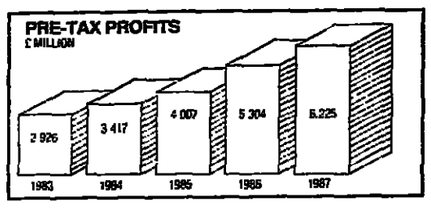
Holdings p.l.c.

Highlights of another record year

Summary of Results Year ended 16th January	1987 £m	1986 £m
Turnover	69.103	57.569
Profit before Tax	6.225	5.304
Profit after Tax	4.108	3.498
Earnings per share	5.33p	4.74p
Dividends per share	1.03p	0.92p

The Chairman, Mr. Alistair J. Dewhirst, CBE, reports another successful year for the Group:

- Pre-tax profit up by 17.4% and sales by 20%
- Final dividend of 0.77p per share proposed
- 1 for 5 scrip issue proposed
- Improved efficiency. productivity and quality – all vital factors to success



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Hongkong Bank cuts credit to brokers

From Stephen Leather, Hong Kong

The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation has cut the credit it will give to stockbrokers to stop them stagging a new issue.

Kumagai Gumi, the Japanese construction company, is floating its Hong Kong operations on the local stockmarket by selling 67 million shares at HK$2.50 each, valuing the company at HK$730 million (£55 million).

The issue is expected to be over-subscribed by as much as 200 times when applications close at noon today. The shares are already trading in the grey market at up to HK$4.50 each and in an attempt to cool speculation, the Hongkong Banking Corporation announced it would restrict the credit to brokers by up to 75 per cent.

Some of the Crown Colony's bigger broking houses have been allowed to borrow up to HK$1 billion to subscribe to new issues but this time they will only be allowed a quarter of that amount.

The Kumagai Gumi floatation is particularly attractive as it follows government figures which show that construction is again booming in Hong Kong.

The value of construction work for the last quarter of 1986 was HK$11.2 billion, 10 per cent up on the previous quarter and 13 per cent more than in the same period of 1985.

Octopus acquires 95% of Mitchell Beazley

Octopus, the publishing group run by Mr Paul Hamlyn, has bought a 95 per cent stake in its rival publisher Mitchell Beazley in a deal valuing the company at £4.85 million.

Mitchell Beazley, whose titles range from Hugh Johnson's Pocket Wine Book to Alex Comfort's Joy of Sex, will give Octopus a springboard into high quality reference publishing for international markets. It will be run as an autonomous subsidiary of the Octopus Group.

Mr Hamlyn, who has been looking for fresh acquisitions after reporting pretax profits of £26 million for last year, said Octopus was financing the purchase with 644,761 new ordinary shares and planned to pick up the remaining 5 per cent of Mitchell Beazley in due course.

In brief

● **PETER BLACK HOLDINGS:** Contracts have been exchanged for the purchase of the trade and undertaking of the Hornsea Company, a subsidiary of Alexon. The trade of Hornsea consists principally of the manufacture and marketing of pottery products. Hornsea's net assets are to be bought for £1.2 million cash.

● **BARTON GROUP:** The company, a subsidiary of Caparo Industries, is reporting for 1986. Figures in £000s: Turnover 49,510 (47,770). Pretax profit 1,668 (1,851). Earnings per share 7.59p (10.03p).

● **WINDSOR SECURITIES (HOLDINGS):** Six months to March 31. Interim dividend 0.3p (0.2p), payable on June 30. Figures in £000s. Turnover 1,117 (1,183). Pretax profit 132 (114). Earnings per share 0.75p (0.73p) and after extraordinary items 1.06p (0.73p).

● **CONCENTRIC:** Half-year to March 28. Interim dividend 1.95p (1.56p), payable on July 1. Figures in £000s. Sales 31,150 (30,550). Pretax profit 2,292 (1,540). Earnings per share 7.72p (4.8p).

● **WESTERN SELECTION:** Half-year to March 31. Interim dividend 1.5p (1.3p). Figures in £000s. Turnover 6,794 (5,808). Pretax profit 1,199 (586). Earnings per share 5.19p (3.45p).

● **BRITISH & AMERICAN FILM HOLDINGS:** Total dividend for 1986 5.9p (5.3p). Figures in £000s. Pretax profit 726 (601). Earnings per share of the holding company 11.99p (10.69p).

● **DALGETY:** The group has formed a new company, Homepride Foods, as part of its strategy of concentrating on the added-value areas of its food business. Homepride Foods will cover Homepride packaged flour, Homepride cook-in-sauces, Romix, Pearce Duff and the Sundora foods businesses. The new company has an annual turnover of £60 million and employs 630 people.

● **MARTIN FORD:** The company is reporting for the 14 months to January 31 (52 weeks to November 30, 1985). Figures in £000s. Turnover (excluding VAT) 9,262 (6,536). Operating loss 2,368 (293). Other losses 134 (8 income). Losses on continuing business before tax 60 (nil). Losses on discontinued business before tax 2,174 (nil). Tax charge 9 (120 credit). Loss on ordinary activities, after tax, 2,243 (165). Extraordinary credit 4,416 (15).

● **BROAD STREET GROUP:** The group has agreed in principal to acquire Raymond Rudd Training, a company formed to acquire the presentational training business carried on by Mr Raymond Rudd. The consideration comprises an initial payment of £180,000, with four subsequent annual payments based on future profits.

● **GALACTIC RESOURCES:** This Canadian gold producer has raised Can$57.7 million (£26 million) through recent share issues.

● **BIRMID QUALCAST:** The company has completed the divestment of its British engineering companies by the disposal of its offshoot, Plastic Engineers, to a management consortium. Birmid has also sold its loss-making kitchen furniture manufacturing business to Cardmore. These disposals will initially realize about £1 million cash.

● **BRAMMER:** The company has sold its subsidiary, Unitel, to STC. Brammer received £2.66 million, of which £1.63 million was for its shareholding and £1.03 million for intra-group indebtedness. Bank borrowings of about £1.72 million remain with Unitel.

● **RACAL-CHUBB:** The company has agreed to purchase National Foam Systems, a US-based subsidiary of the Enterra Corporation. The agreement is worth about $16 million (£9.6 million). National employs 300 people and has facilities in Mexico, Brazil, Norway, the Middle East and Australia.

● **STORMGARD:** Selincourt, a subsidiary, has sold Taylor Merrymade to J and J Fashions for a price equal to its net asset value – about £1.9 million – plus £700,000. In addition, a provision relating to pensions has been agreed.

● **PERCY BILTON:** Total dividend for 1986 cut to 12.94p (17.98p). Figures in £millions. Turnover 26.06 (30.56). Pretax profit on ordinary activities 11.46 (10.65). Earnings per share 20.1p (20.3p).

● **LEE COOPER:** Total dividend for 1986 raised to 5p (4.2p). Figures in £000s. Turnover 139,726 (94,367). Pretax profit 7,947 (8,098). Earnings per share on increased capital 27.72p (24.66p).

● **UNITED FRIENDLY INSURANCE:** Total dividend for 1986 raised to 21p (17.2p). Figures in £million. Pretax profit 11.2 (9.6). Earnings per share 45.0p (36.1p).

● **UTC GROUP:** Pro forma combined results for Somportex and United Trust and Credit for 1986. Figures in £000s. Turnover 14,153 (15,890). Pretax profit 1,466 (644). Total dividend, already paid, 14p.

● **NOBLE & LUND:** Conditional agreement has been reached for the purchase of the Bull Group. The initial price is £1.8 million. There may be a deferred consideration, depending on profits. Bull manufactures electric motors for the elevator industry and other industrial applications and is 60 per cent export. The company is also proposing to raise about £3.6 million, net of expenses, by a rights issue of 3.86 million, 8 per cent convertible redeemable preference shares at par on the basis of one for every two ordinaries held.

● **WHESSOE:** Half-year to March 28. No interim dividend (2.5p). Figures in £000s. Turnover 40,019 (47,831). Pretax loss on ordinary activities 5,361 (profit 1,369) after an exceptional item, redundancy and restructioning costs, 3,131 (nil). Loss per share (before extraordinary items) 19.8p (earnings 3.9p).

● **GIEVES GROUP:** Year to January 31. Total dividend 3.7p (3.3p). Figures in £000s. Turnover 40,187 (34,339). Pretax profit 1,416 (1,006). Earnings per share, based on weighted average, 10.1p (8.9p).

● **COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL SERVICES:** Total dividend for 1986 3p (2.2p). Figures in £000s. Turnover 2,019 (1,552). Pretax profit 514 (326). The board reports that a significant proportion of turnover now derives from recurring management fees: both the trust and investment management departments expanded their client bases greatly during 1986 and this expansion has continued

WALL STREET

Shares lower in early deals on trade deficit

New York (Reuter) – Wall Street share prices were mixed in active, early trading yesterday.

The March merchandise trade deficit of $13.6 billion (£8.14 billion) disappointed the bond and dollar markets and kept investors cautious. Airlines, however, continued their ascent, led by Allegis.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 5.92 points to 2,323.76 at one stage when the transport indicator was up 3.75 to 971.24 while the utilities average slipped 1.56 to 204.05.

Advancing issues led declining shares by a five-to-four margin when volume totalled about 25 million shares.

Allegis gained 1⅛ to 70¾

● Firestone Tire and Rubber Company yesterday said in Akron, Ohio, that it had decided to keep its Des Moines, Iowa, farm tyre plant open and would consolidate its commercial tyre manufacturing there.

	May 13	May 12		May 13	May 12		May 13	May 12
AMR Cp	57⅞	56⅛	Firestone	37⅞	37½	Pepsico	32	32¼
ASA	65	64⅝	Fst Chicago	29⅞	29⅞	Pfizer	68	67⅞
Aetna Life	57⅞	57⅞	Fst Int Bncp	55⅞	56	Phelps Dod	38⅛	38⅛
Allied Signal	42⅞	43	Fst Penn C	10⅞	10⅞	Philip Mor	83⅞	82½
Allis Chalm	3⅛	3⅛	FT Wachva	41⅛	41⅞	Philip Pet	16	16⅛
Alcoa	51⅞	51½	Ford Motor	97⅞	96½	Polaroid	75⅛	76⅞
Amax Inc	21⅛	21⅞	GAF Cp	47⅞	47⅞	Primerica	36⅞	37⅛
AMR Hess	36½	38⅞	GTE Cp	37⅞	37⅞	Proct Gble	92⅛	92⅞
Am Brands	43½	43½	Gen Cp	104⅛	103⅞	Pub Svc Eg	37⅞	37⅞
Am Cyanmid	90⅞	89⅞	Gn Dynam	63⅞	64⅛	Raytheon	73⅞	72⅞
Am Ele Pwr	27	27	Gen Elect	104	103½	Rynlds Met	71⅞	73
Amax	n.a	33⅛	Gen Inst	36	35⅛	Rockwell Int	28⅞	28⅞
Am Home	84⅞	84⅞	Gen Mills	51	45	Royal Dutch	128⅛	127⅞
Am Motors	4⅞	4⅞	Gen Motors	88⅛	90	SFE Sopac	44⅛	45
Am Stand	42⅞	42⅞	Gen Pub Ut	23⅞	23⅞	Sara Lee	40⅞	40⅞
Am Telph	26	25⅞	Genesco	6	5⅛	Schlumb	45⅛	45⅞
Amoco Cp	67⅛	67⅞	Georgia Pac	43	41⅞	Scott Pap	69⅞	69⅞
Armco Steel	12⅞	12⅛	Gillette	57⅞	57⅞	Seagram	73⅞	74⅞
Asarco Inc	26⅞	26⅞	Goodrich	52⅛	52	Sears Roeb	54	53⅞
Ashland Oil	63	62⅛	Goodyear	67	65⅛	Shell Trans	86⅞	86⅛
Atl Richfld	93⅞	91⅞	Gould Inc	17⅞	17⅞	Singer	43	43⅞
Avon Prod	31⅞	31⅞	Grace Co	66½	66⅛	Smithkln Bk	111½	112
Bk Boston	33⅛	33⅛	Grt Atl Pac	34⅞	35⅛	Sony Cp	20⅞	19⅞
Bank NY	41	41⅞	Greyhnd	38	38	Sth Cal Ed	30⅞	30½
Bankamer	12	11⅞	Grumman	25⅞	25⅞	SW Bell	109⅞	109⅛
Bkrs Tst NY	46⅞	46⅛	Gulf & West	75⅞	75⅛	Std Oil	74	74½
Beth Steel	15⅞	14⅞	Heinz	45⅞	44⅞	Sterl Drug	52⅞	52⅞
Boeing	45½	45¼	Hercules	61⅞	61⅞	Stevens JP	43	43⅞
Boise Casc	69⅛	68⅞	Hewlett Pk	63⅞	61½	Sun Comp	66⅞	67⅞
Borden	56⅛	55½	Honeywell	78⅞	79	TRW Inc	102	101⅞
Borg Warnr	48	46⅞	IC Ind	32⅞	33⅛	Teledyne	326	325
Brist Myer	98	98⅞	ITT Cp	54⅞	54⅞	Tenneco	47⅞	47⅞
BP	69⅞	68⅞	INCO	19⅛	18⅞	Texaco	35⅞	37
Brunswick	47½	46⅛	Ingersoll	65⅛	66⅞	Tex Eastn	36⅞	39⅞
Burl Ind	65⅞	66	Inland Steel	32½	31⅞	Tex Inst	185⅞	186⅛
Burl Nth	73	73⅞	IBM	166⅞	165⅞	Tex Util	32⅞	32⅞
CBS	166	165⅞	Int Paper	93⅛	91⅞	Textron	60⅞	60⅞
CPC Int	47½	43½	Irving Bk	44⅞	45	Travelers	44⅞	45⅛
CSX Cp	33⅞	34	Jhsn & Jhsn	86⅛	86½	USG	37⅞	37⅞
Campbell Sp	66	65⅛	K Mart Cp	61⅛	60⅞	USX Cp	31⅛	32⅛
Can Pacific	18⅛	18½	Kaisertech	18⅞	18⅞	Unilever NV	293⅞	294⅞
Caterpillar	55⅛	56⅛	Kerr McGee	37⅞	37	Un Carbide	30⅞	30⅞
Centrl SW	30⅞	31	Kimbl Clark	107⅞	108⅞	Un Pac Cp	77⅞	75⅞
Champion	36½	35	Kraft	54	53	Unisys Cp	117⅞	116⅞
Chase Man	37	37⅞	Kroger	33	33⅞	Utd Brands	37⅞	37⅞
Chem NY	42⅞	43⅞	LTV Cp	5⅞	5½	Utd Tech	48⅞	48⅞
Chevron	58⅛	58⅞	Litton	95⅞	95⅞	Unocal	40⅞	41
Chrysler	39⅞	40⅞	Lockheed	46	46⅞	Walter Jim	49	49⅛
Citicorp	53⅞	54⅞	Lucky Str	30⅛	29⅞	Warn Lamb	68⅞	69
Clark Eq	27⅛	27½	Man H'nvr	43⅞	43⅞	Wells Far	50⅞	50⅞
Coca Cola	40⅞	40⅞	Manville	3⅞	3⅞	Westg El	61⅞	61⅞
Colgate	42	42⅛	Mapco	61⅞	62	Weyerhsr	51⅞	50⅞
Columb Gas	51	51⅛	Marine Mid	48⅞	49⅛	Whirlpool	36⅞	37⅛
Cmb'tn Eng	36½	36⅛	Mt Marietta	45⅞	45⅞	Woolworth	48⅞	47⅞
Cmwlth Ed	35⅛	34⅞	Masco	36⅞	34⅞	Xerox Cp	79⅞	79⅞
Cons Edis	43⅛	42⅞	Mcdonalds	80⅞	80⅞	Zenith	27⅞	27⅞
Cn Nat Gas	42⅞	42	McDonnell	67⅞	67⅞			
Cons Pwr	19	19⅞	Mead Cp	68	68⅞			
Cont Data	33½	33⅞	Merck	153	153⅞			
Corning Gl	61⅞	61⅞	Minsta Mng	129⅞	129			
Crane	41	40⅞	Mobil	50⅞	50⅞			
Curtiss Wrt	61⅞	61½	Monsanto	86⅞	86⅞			
Data Genl	32½	32⅞	Morgan Jp	45⅞	44⅞			
Deere Co	32½	32	Motorola	61⅞	61⅞			
Delta Airl	53	51	NCR	75⅞	73⅞			
Detroit Ed	16⅞	16⅞	NL Indstrs	7⅞	7			
Digital Eq	186⅞	184⅞	Nat Distil	64⅞	64⅞			
Disney	64⅞	65⅛	Nat Md Ent	25⅞	25⅞			
Dow Chem	87	86⅞	Nat Semi	14⅞	15⅞			
Dresstr Ind	30⅞	31⅛	Norfolk Sth	31⅞	31⅞			
Dupont	118	118⅞	NW Bancrp	38⅞	38⅞			
Duke Pwr	44⅞	44⅛	Occid Petl	35⅞	36			
East Kodak	81⅞	80⅞	Ogden Cp	70⅞	69⅞			
Eaton Cp	85⅞	86⅞	Olin Cp	50	50			
Emerson El	105	104⅞	PPG Ind	41⅞	42⅞			
Emery Air	14⅞	14⅛	Pac Gas El	20⅞	21⅞			
Exxon	90⅞	90	Pan Am	4⅞	4⅞			
Farah Inc	14½	14⅞	Penney JC	47⅞	48⅞			
Fed Dpt Sts	n.a	44½	Pennzoil	81⅞	84⅞			

CANADIAN PRICES

Agnico Eag	39⅛	39⅞
Alcan Alum	41⅞	41⅞
Algoma Stl	16⅞	16⅞
Can Pacific	24⅞	24⅞
Cominco	18⅞	18⅞
Con Bathrst	18⅞	18⅞
Hawk S'Can	27	27
Hud Bay M	26	26
Imasco	34⅞	34½
Imperial Oil	75⅞	73⅞
Int Pipe	49⅞	48⅞
Royl Trstco	34⅞	34⅞
Seagram	98⅞	99⅞
Shelco 'A'	25	24½
Thmsn N 'A'	31⅞	32
Varity Cp	3.30	3.25
WCT	17⅞	17⅞
Weston	40	40⅞

General Accident

THREE-MONTHS' RESULTS

The results for the three months ended 31st March 1987, estimated and unaudited, are compared below with those for the similar period in 1986, which are restated at 31st December 1986 rates of exchange; also shown are the actual results for the full year 1986.

It must be emphasised that the results for an interim period do not usually provide a reliable indication of those for the full year.

	3 Months to 31.3.87 Estimate £ millions	3 Months to 31.3.86 Estimate £ millions	1986 Year Actual £ millions
Premium Income			
General Business	557.1	496.7	2,184.8
Long Term Business	52.1	46.7	203.1
	609.2	543.4	2,387.9
Investment Income (see note)	73.7	66.5	297.8
Underwriting –			
General Business Result	(54.0)	(64.3)	(180.9)
Long Term Business Profits	3.5	2.9	10.4
	23.2	5.1	127.3
Interest on Loans	0.8	0.4	2.2
UK Employee Profit Sharing Scheme	–	–	1.9
Profit before Taxation	22.4	4.7	123.2
Taxation – UK and Overseas	1.6	(4.3)	10.1
Profit after Taxation	20.8	9.0	113.1
Minority Interests and Preference Dividend	0.9	0.9	2.3
Net Profit attributable to Shareholders	19.9	8.1	110.8
Principal exchange rates used in translating overseas results			
U.S.A.	$1.61	$1.48	$1.48
Canada	$2.10	$2.05	$2.05

Note Investment income excludes £2.9m (1986 £2.8m) representing amortisation of U.S. deep discount bonds which under the U.S.A. accounting conventions would be credited to earnings.

ANALYSIS BY TERRITORY OF GENERAL BUSINESS PREMIUM INCOME AND UNDERWRITING RESULT
(before internal reinsurance)

	3 months to 31.3.87 Premium Income £m	3 months to 31.3.87 Underwriting Result £m	3 months to 31.3.86 Premium Income £m	3 months to 31.3.86 Underwriting Result £m
U.K.	189.1	(34.9)	169.5	(27.0)
U.S.A.	200.5	(19.7)	187.2	(26.0)
EEC other than U.K.	43.3	(2.8)	38.0	(5.7)
Canada	64.6	3.9	54.3	(4.9)
Australia	8.3	(1.0)	7.8	(0.5)
Others, including London Market Business	51.3	0.5	39.9	(0.2)
	557.1	(54.0)	496.7	(64.3)

Net written premiums and investment income increased in sterling terms by 12.1% and 10.9% respectively. Adjusted to exclude the effects of currency fluctuations, the increases were 16.5% and 17.3% respectively.

In the United Kingdom, net written premiums were £189.1m (1986 £169.5m) and there was an underwriting loss of £30.9m (1986 £27.0m loss), after a recovery of £4.0m under internal reinsurance arrangements (1986 Nil). The Motor account benefited from 1986 rate increases and reported a loss of £5.7m (1986 £8.6m loss) Weather related claims in the quarter costing £40m gross (1986 £20m gross) were exceptionally high even in relation to recent experience and impacted particularly upon the Homeowners and Commercial Property accounts with losses for the quarter of £19.6m and £6.2m respectively (1986 £13.7m loss and £5.3m loss respectively). Improvement in the Liability classes has been maintained.

In the United States, net written premiums were $322.8m (1986 $277.1m) and the operating ratio was 109.47% as compared with 113.97% for the same period in 1986. On the United Kingdom accounting basis the underwriting loss was £19.7m (1986 £26.0m loss). With the exception of Private Auto all lines showed improvement on 1986 experience.

Elsewhere there was an aggregate underwriting profit of £0.6m (1986 £11.3m loss). With the exception of Austrialia, affected by the Vanuatu Cyclone, and Netherlands, other territories performed well with a particularly good result from Canada.

New annual premiums for life business in the United Kingdom for the three months were £8.6m (1986 £5.8m), and single premiums £7.6m (1986 £5.1m).

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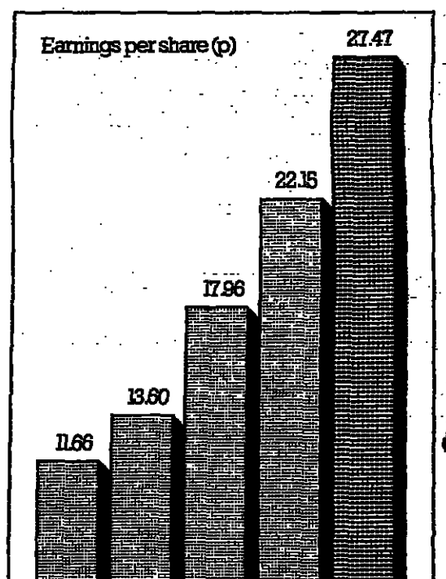

Group pre-tax profits up 29.5% to £46.1 million.

Earnings per share up by 24% to 27.47 pence.

Total dividend for 1986 up 20.2% to 10.10 pence per share.

UK operations once again achieved remarkable results.

Half of group turnover is now made up of building products and consumer durables.

The strengthening of the Board and re-organisation of the group into three major divisions will assist considerably future expansion.

Confidence that 1987 will be another year of progress.

"I am delighted to report that 1986 was yet another year of record achievement for Glynwed. Since 1982 the pre-tax profits of the group have grown by 3.4 times whilst earnings per share have grown by 2.4 times."

Gareth Davies Chairman & Chief Executive

	1986 £million	1985 £million
Turnover	478·9	464·1
Operating profit	42·8	39·6
Profit before taxation	46·1	35·6
Earnings for the period	29·9	23·2
Earnings per ordinary share	27·47p	22·15p
Dividends per ordinary share	10·10p	8·40p

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Brown (Matthew)	Breweries	
2	Dares	Property	
3	Cape Ind	Industrials A-D	
4	BOC (aa)	Industrials A-D	
5	Douglas (RM)	Building,Roads	
6	APV	Industrials A-D	
7	Baggeridge Brick	Building,Roads	
8	Halstead (James)	Chemicals,Plas	
9	Burmah	Oil,Gas	
10	BPB Ind (aa)	Building,Roads	
11	Vinten	Industrials S-Z	
12	King & Shaxson	Banks,Discount	
13	Arenson	Industrials A-D	
14	England (J)	Foods	
15	Br Mohair	Textiles	
16	Barrow Hepburn	Industrials A-D	
17	Brasway	Industrials A-D	
18	Neill (J)	Industrials L-R	
19	Sunlight Serv	Industrials S-Z	
20	Redland (aa)	Building,Roads	
21	Plaxtons (GB)	Motors,Aircraft	
22	Harris Queensway	Drapery,Stores	
23	Joseph (Leopold)	Banks,Discount	
24	Lookers	Motors,Aircraft	
25	Brown Boveri Kent	Electricals	
26	ML Hdgs	Industrials L-R	
27	Quick (HJ)	Motors,Aircraft	
28	BTP	Chemicals,Plas	
29	Tesco (aa)	Foods	
30	Alpine Drinks	Foods	
31	Rotork	Industrials L-R	
32	Bank of Scotland	Banks,Discount	
33	Daniels S	Foods	
34	ERF	Motors,Aircraft	
35	Ricardo Eng	Industrials L-R	
36	Grand Met (aa)	Hotels,Caterers	
37	MK Elect	Electricals	
38	Robertson Res	Industrials L-R	
39	Plastic Constr	Industrials L-R	
40	Gerrard Nat	Banks,Discount	
41	Scapa	Industrials S-Z	
42	Appleyard	Motors,Aircraft	
43	Brake Bros	Foods	
44	Freemans	Drapery,Stores	
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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Equities close below best

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began on Monday. Dealings end May 29. §Contango day June 1. Settlement day June 8.
§Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices are recorded at 5pm. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close and may differ from changes calculated by comparing 5pm prices, published the previous day. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price earnings ratios are based on middle prices. (aa) denotes Alpha Stocks, volumes are on page 27.

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BREWERIES

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
640	536	Nat West (aa)	633	640	+2	28.1	4.4	6.5
130	123	Dnsmar	127	..	..	600	6.3	4.1
383	278	Provident	370	371	-1	17.5	4.8	12.8
231	196	REA Gp	193	198	-2	2.7	1.4	14.5
183	137	Rothschild (J) Hld	162	161	..	7.3	4.5	17.0
337	298	Syd Bk Scot (aa)	326	329	●-1	15.6	4.9	8.1
898	705	Schroders	870	880	+10	18.5	1.9	15.2
843	728	Stand Chart (aa)	815	820	●-7	50.6	6.1	10.2
102	75	TSB (aa)	90½	91½	-2	6.1	6.7	8.2
533	680	Union	525	535	+1	57.1	6.1	10.8
37½	27½	Wells Fargo	30¼	..	..	..	..	..
422	290	Winfrid	410	430	..	8.0	1.9	20.7

BUILDINGS AND ROADS

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
280	193	Abbey	272	277	..	..	..	..
278	222	Aberdeen Constr	248	252	●-1	12.1	4.8	15.6
360	270	Aerec	345	347	●-3	16.4	4.7	13.0
63	28	Anglo Utd	60	62	-1	2.1	3.4	25.4
125	68	Arlecdon	105	115	..	2.7	2.6	24.7
324	277	Ashtenden	322	324	+7	7.2	2.2	24.7
776	527	BPB Ind (aa)	775	778	+2	13.7	1.8	22.9
178	97	Bagnall (Jos)	173	183	+8	2.4	1.3	24.1
69	31	Bailey (Hen) Constr	55	58	●+1	1.4	2.6	19.4
337	268	Barratt Devs	326	329	●-1	15.6	4.9	8.1
221	160	Bellway	219	221	●-1	10.3	4.7	11.7
408	134	Berkeley Gp	400	410	+8	31	0.8	44.6
121	65	Bett Bros	106	110	-1	4.4	4.1	29.8
20	965	Blockleys	15	19	●	41.1	2.2	2.1
913	670	Blue Circle	905	908	●+2	31.5	3.5	12.2
357	250	Brandon&Cloud Hld	307	327	..	15.4	4.9	17.6
138	85	Br Dredging	134	137	●+1	5.5	4.0	24.7
47	14	Brown & Jackson	43½	46	..	..	..	..
180½	79	Bryant	96	97	s -2	3.0b	3.1	13.3
18	11	Burnett & Hallam	14½	15½	..	..	..	..
150	80	Calednad Rotary	123	133	+1	4.5	3.5	21.1
202	149	Cement-Roadstone	163	166	-2	4.0	2.4	..
235	150	Condor Gp	190	200	●-5	5.5	2.8	22.0
630	480	Costain	522	524	●-3	24.0	4.6	9.5
693	480	Countryside	686	696	+1	8.7	1.3	19.7
230	211	Crouch (David)	210	220	..	5.1	3.1	10.2
157	120	Douglas (RM)	149	151	+1	3.7b	2.5	30.1
189	118	Erith	178	183	●+1	5.9	3.3	16.4
175	98	Feb	164	184	+7	2.4	1.4	28.8
126	78	Do 'A'	110	120	+3	2.4	2.1	30.8
223	118	Fedorated Hsg	208	212	..	5.5	2.6	14.7
125	92	Fisher Gp	116	119	+1	5.2b	4.4	34.5
134	92	Galliford	123	125	..	6.9	5.6	19.2
145	118	Gibbs & Dandy Ord	140	150	●-1	2.7	1.9	21.3
465	348	Gleeson (M.J)	440	450	●-3	3.4	1.9	12.3
227	162	Harrison Ind	222	227	+2	6.9	3.1	15.8
254	172	Henderson	233	237	+15	9.6	4.1	15.6
100½	74	Hewden-Stuart	97	99	..	2.8	2.7	14.5
328	226	Heywood Williams	304	306	+1	10.6	3.5	16.6
676	540	Higgs & Hill	655	665	..	29.6	3.1	13.9
86	49	Howard Sent	75	78	-2	2.1	2.7	30.8
279	140	Ibstock Johnson	152	155	↑+7½	4.1	2.7	15.9
675	470	Jarvis (J) & Sons	660	690	..	23	3.5	..
522	378	Laing (J)	502	506	●+10	11.6	2.3	11.3
520	378	Do 'A'	502	506	●+10	11.6	2.3	11.3
152	88	Lawrence (Walter)	144	147	..	5.5	3.8	14.2
53½	42	Lilley (F.J.C)	44	46	-1½	..	..	5.8
237	182	Lovell (Y.J)	225	235	+1	5.5	2.4	16.0
382	305	Magnet & South	358	359	+1	7.4	2.1	42.6
350	326	Manders	328	332	..	13.7	4.2	17.5
165	123	Marley	154	159	+1½	5.5	3.4	12.7
273	188	Marshalls (Halifax)	270	275	+2	6.8	2.5	18.8
556	395	McAlpine (Alfred)	520	524	+1	19.9	3.8	12.0
457	307	McKay & S	452	460	..	4.8	1.0	20.1
388	268	Meyer Int	380	385	-2	8.2	2.1	20.0
91	38	Miller (Stanley)	85	90	●-1	1.9	2.1	44.0
449	360	Monkton (John)	365	395	●+10	17.1	1.7	24.8
980	795	Newarthill	960	975	..	11.0	2.8	22.6
465	305	Nottingham Brick	390	405	-2	8.5	1.8	17.4
494	252	Persimmon	481	485	..	11.6	2.4	16.8
156	89	Phoenix Timber	127	133	..	2.1b	1.6	34.3
480	370	Pochin	450	460	..	13.2	4.1	13.2
899	682	RMC Gp (aa)	882	887	●-1	24.0	2.7	14.5
149	73½	Rome Ind	131	133	●+1	1.4	1.1	45.2
500	380	Rugby Cement	483	485	+7	16.4	3.4	15.7
251	184	Sandell Perkins	235	238	●+1	14.4	6.0	10.8
191	135	Scott Lad & Fisher	189	193	+1	4.3	2.3	15.9
119	85	Smart (J)	117	120	+1	6.8	5.7	17.3
563	344	Tarmac (aa)	544	548	+8	15.2	2.8	12.7
434	308	Taylor Woodrow	423	428	-3	13.6	3.2	16.8
352	197	Tilbury Group	345	352	●-2	7.4	2.4	18.8
310	243	Travis & Arnold	305	308	-2	1.6	1.2	83.5
129	92	Trent	127	130	+2	1.6	1.2	18.8
344	265	Tunnel	338	343	..	12.1	3.6	15.8
560	330	Wimpey	530	570	●-25	15.2	2.8	18.4
160	115	Wolf Gross	146	149	●+1	5.1	3.4	14.4
555	397	Ward Hldgs	513	518	-3	11.8	2.3	12.5
120	93	Warrington (T)	105	113	..	1.8	1.7	22.9
270	208	Watts Blake	265	272	..	7.6	2.8	14.1
175	152	Welbam Bros	160	167	..	..	..	28.7
220	145	Wellstood	205	210	+3	1.9	0.9	24.9
344	242	Wilson (Connolly)	342	345	●+1	4.0	1.2	18.4
248	179	Wimpey (George)	232	234	●+4½	8.2	3.5	12.7

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
50½	38	AKZO N/V Boerar	39½	..	-½	400	10.1	..
250	201	Allied Colloids	257	260	+3	3.8	1.5	27.2
548	452	Amersham	555	559	..	18.1	1.7	31.0
318	253	Anchor Chemical	313	318	●	9.9	3.2	24.1
255	155	BTP	185	205	+8	7.5b	3.8	..
113½	94	Bayer DM50	107	..	-1½	700	6.6	..
187	132	Biagzen	177	182	..	9.9	5.5	18.1
190	163	Brent Chems	188	190	-1	6.3b	3.3	19.1
121	60	Br Benzol	114	117	-1	1.4	1.2	20.8
223	139	Cannelg (W)	208	212	●+9	5.5	2.4	24.4
398	283	Coalite	388	398	-4	10.6	2.9	13.8
268	213	Coates Bros	265	268	●-1	7.6	2.9	13.8
230	111	Do 'A'	218	220	-2	7.6	3.5	14.1
29½	20	Cory (Horace)	25½	26½	+½	1.0	3.8	31.0
221	172	Croda	216	220	●+½	11.0	5.0	18.0
298	154	Do Dfd	206	209	●+1	..	..	17.6
299	221	Ellis & Everard	297	300	+8	8.4	2.8	22.0
213	120	Erode	190	193	..	6.1	3.2	13.7
243	202	Fosseco-Minerp	233	237	●-1	12.6	4.7	18.7
157	120	Douglas (Hldr)	227	232	●+7	7.5	3.3	13.3
727½	425	Hickson	709	712	..	24.0	3.4	14.5
96½	72	Hoechst DM50	94½	..	..	..	..	..
132	105	Hold Lloyd	130	133	●	4.8	3.6	..
144½	109	Hoos Chem Ind (aa)	14	14	..	49.3	3.5	14.7
150	111	Laporte	484	488	●-4	14.0	2.9	16.2
150	111	Leigh	148	151	+5	5.3	3.5	21.6
17½	13	Norsk Hydro	17½	..	..	0.3	..	..
285	188	Pilkington	201	204	-1	2.6	1.3	25.9
181	102	Rotbrook Hldgs	175	180	●+2	5.8	3.3	13.9
205	187	Rentokil	205	207	..	3.8	1.8	21.3
248	200	SMA BPD	200	..	..	..	..	..
86	54	Sutcliffe Speakman	85	87	+4	..	..	..
353	258	Wickenstone Hldg	353	363	●	12.9	3.6	13.0
250	163	Yorkshire Chem	245	248	..	7.1	2.9	15.4

CINEMAS AND TV

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
549	302	Anglia TV 'A'	457	462	-4	15.4	3.3	12.6
574	370	Central TV	560	568	●-4	23.3	4.1	14.9
92½	49	Grampian	84	86	-14	2.7	3.2	12.2
353	206	HTV N/V	315	322	..	12.5	3.9	12.0
509	444	LWT Hldgs	483	490	..	34.8b	4.0	13.5
555	240	Scot TV	553	560	●-3	21.4	3.8	11.7
38	38	TSW	75	80	..	3.2	4.1	15.4
454	261	TVS N/V	383	390	-1	14.3	3.7	11.7
540	312	Thames TV	463	467	-34	15.0	3.1	27.9
404	210	TV-AM	345	348	●-3	7.6	2.2	13.2
524	254	Tyne Tees TV	445	450	-1	..	..	..
170	79	Ulster TV	130	133	●	4.8	3.7	18.1
403	194	Yorkshire TV	328	337	-31	8.9	2.7	18.1

DRAPERY AND STORES

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
332	111	Alexon	330	333	+3	5.7	1.7	21.8
91	68	14's Ander Day	90	92	●+4	..	..	37.9
94	60	Associated 'A'	90	92	●+4	3.4	3.7	18.2
204	160	Ashley (Laura)	194	197	●+2	3.1	1.6	37.1
157	94	Beatie (James) 'A'	154	157	●+2	4.7	3.0	16.7
169	136	Bentalls	140	145	●-1	3.6	2.5	25.8
7	5	Blacks Leis	24½	25	●-1	..	..	..
630	368	Body Shop	780	800	-10	2.1	0.3	84.9
78	66	Bremner	70	74	..	4.1	5.7	53.7
590	408	Brown (H)	575	585	..	8.2	1.4	43.2
333	249	Burton (aa)	317	320	-4	8.4	2.1	14.8
175	93	Carson 'A'	162	167	+4	3.4	2.1	42.2
145	70	Cooper (S)	120	123	●-1	3.3	2.7	15.8
465	330	Church	460	470	..	13.0	2.8	15.8
630	460	Costs Vivella (aa)	625	629	●+3	31.5	5.0	14.4
417	205	Courtaulds English	409	413	●-1	12.3	3.0	21.3
193	145	Courts (Furn) 'A'	191	193	..	6.4	3.3	14.3
525	210	DAKS Simpson 'A'	510	640	..	10.3	1.6	17.0
93	77	Dewhirst (J.)	78	80	●-1	4.4	5.6	14.2
426	304	Dixons Grp (aa)	408	409	↑-17	5.5b	1.4	28.7
672	558	Dunnill	646	675	+4	82	1.2	22.5
112	75	Elec & Goldston	109	110	●+9	3.6	3.3	21.1
625	550	Eys (Wimbledon)	550	600	..	14.4	2.5	15.9
250	180	Empire Stores	223	230	●	6.5	2.8	20.2
326	207	Fenn	264	268	●+4	6.4	2.2	20.2
305	202	Executive Clothes	165	170	+3	3.4	2.0	21.2
271	187	Free Art Dis	257	260	-1	5.9	2.2	31.2
114	57	Ford (Martin)	111	113	+11	..	..	..
290	207	Formaster	270	292	+10	9.2	3.3	11.6
508	387	Freemans	503	508	●+6	11.2	2.2	17.9
86	62	Gent SH	81	84	+1	0.5	0.6	50.0
159	131	Goldberg (A)	155	160	..	5.7	3.6	19.7
265	235	Goldsmiths Gp	270	300	..	15.8	2.8	18.4
19½	14½	GUS	18½	19½	..	30.1	2.2	18.7
934		Do 'A' (aa)	936	938	+3	7.9	3.3	14.0
237	186	Harris Queensway	230	236	+1	2.2	1.0	19.7
48	28	Helene Of London	44	46	..	1.2	2.8	14.1
62	43	Hollis	59	61	●-1	2.2	3.7	28.7
272	182	House Of Lorose	268	272	●+2	12.9	4.7	12.1
148	86	Jones (Ernest)	134	136	-1	5.3	3.9	21.8
102	43	Ladies Pride	98	100	-1	1.0	1.0	..
438	283	Lee Cooper	400	405	+3	6.9	1.7	14.5
910	650	Liberty	880	910	●-15	12.3	1.4	27.2
258½	192	Marks Spencer (aa)	250	251	●-1½	8.2	2.5	24.7
428	314	Menzies (John)	423	428	●	8.4	1.5	17.1
680	580	Moss Bros	644	646	●-1	8.7	1.4	22.6
364	226½	Next	480	480	..	13.7	2.9	20.8
470	305	Oliver (G)	428	429	..	1.3	1.0	24.8
130½	87	Pentos	128	129	+15	4.3	3.0	..
201	121	Prendy (Alfred)	155	158	+10	4.1b	1.1	46.1
355	248	Reeves (Jewellers)	355	357	●	8.9	2.5	25.5
245	180	Reed (Austin)	205	208	●	8.9	4.3	14.8
219	167	Do 'A'	204	207	●	..	..	41.4
63	46	S & U Stores	58	62	+2	..	..	20.0
157	133	Sears (aa)	154	157	..	5.0	3.2	14.1
376	279	Smith (WH) 'A'	364	369	+2	8.1	2.2	21.7
73½	56	Do 'B'	73	74	+1	1.8	2.4	21.7
129	87	Stanley (JAS)	117	119	●	4.6	3.9	21.9
116	84	Stead & Simpson A	114	118	+3	6.2	4.5	21.8
329	270	Storehouse (aa)	308	312	-2	11.0	3.5	16.5
20½	11	Stormguard	14	17	-1	..	..	25.0
76	33	Sumitt Clothes	59	59	-1	..	..	..
214	142	Tobad & Brown	210	213	●-2	5.0	2.4	21.7
163	93	Time Products	159	163	..	4.1	2.5	24.9
178	130	To Top (Top Ten)	169	173	..	..	..	13.9
262½	171½	Unicomods	190	200	+4	4.3	2.2	37.4
397	288	Ward White	393	396	+5	10.7	2.7	16.6
102	68	Westwood	98	102	..	4.5	4.5	11.1
877	630	Woolworth (aa)	860	865	●+6	22.9	2.7	18.3

ELECTRICALS

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
437	333	AB Elect	390	397	●	13.7	3.5	20.5
373	207	Alphameric	265	273	-2	2.6	0.7	37.7
210	131	Autocrat (aa)	207	208	-2	8.6	4.3	21.8
114	45	Apricot Computers	107	110	..	..	..	13.4
143	107	Arran	140	144	..	0.7	0.5	14.8
737	288	Atlantic Comp	722	731	●+25	6.3	0.9	24.6
180	73	Audio Fidelity	174	184	+2	..	..	34.6
267	196	Auto Sec	240	243	●-2	2.6	1.0	17.9

FINANCE AND LAND

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
72½	58½	Abbey	71	72	+½	0.3b	0.4	65.0
232	227	Abingworth	230	234	+8	1.7	0.6	..
152	121	Aldwin Home	158	160	..	..	..	6.7
237	133	Autolagazia	232	242	●+2	8.5	3.8	8.0
453	258	Authority Inv	430	440	●	..	..	..
243	233	Berkeley Invest	240	242	..	..	..	..
472	291	Br Commonwealth	438	442	+6	7.5b	1.8	30.9
21	19½	CamelSa	19	21	..	19.2	1.0	60.6
235	235	Cancover	302	307	●+6	5.6	1.8	20.1
63	43	Centracorp	52	54	..	..	..	13.4
38	29½	Ecosy & Gen	35	36	-1½	1.2	3.4	23.5
155	156	Hdrg & Suss	157	172	..	6.9	4.1	23.3
55½	37	LIT	53½	54	+2½	1.9	3.5	16.3
223	213	Mapeley	217	220	..	8.6	3.9	31.2
154	111	Mc Home Loans	150	153	●+1	4.6	3.2	43.8
112½	110	Do 8c%	146	151	..	825	5.5	..
211	188	Newmarket	195	205	..	..	..	..
480	390	Parkes (J)	475	485	..	..	..	56.3
278	229	Terraleon Corp	250	265	+7	..	..	..

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FOODS

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
396	250	AB Food (aa)	390	394	..	9.7	2.5	15.3
175	142	ASDA-MFI (aa)	156	158	-2	4.5	2.7	18.3
35	24	Associ Docks	33	35	+5	2.6b	7.7	10.1
264	224	Ayrshire	240	257	+17	12.5	2.7	22.0
175	111	Assoc Fisheries	173	176	+1	5.1	3.1	22.9
840	633	Bass	833	840	+2	16.4	2.0	26.8
540	365	Bairds (Secrp C)	510	525	+5	16.4	3.2	11.7
213	145	Baker & Dickson	214	217	-1	14.7	6.8	12.6
575	322	Barr (AG)	541	546	..	15.1	2.6	12.3
263	172	Beecham Foods	241	246	-2	9.6	3.5	23.7
115	75	BoDays	105	110	..	3.0	2.8	21.7
156	158	Bejam	191	193	+8½	2.2	1.1	20.7
244	244	Berisford (S & W)	392	397	+1½	16.4	5.0	20.8
481	339	Booker	472	475	●+19	18.6	4.0	19.3
114	87	Bovril	100	102	..	1.0	1.0	..
211	150	Brake Bros	204	207	● +4	3.0	1.5	20.6
254½	189	Cadbury-Schwp (aa)	253	255	●	6.4	2.5	18.9
223	185	Cans Mdwy	215	220	+5	8.9	4.1	11.8
365	272	Clements Dairies	350	380	● ..	11.0	3.0	18.3
243	221	Do 'A'	222	227	..	11.0	4.7	12.0
142	115	CoDens	115	125	+3	4.5	2.4	19.5
330	152	Dawes S	237	239	+6	10.1	4.2	19.2
265	205	Dee (aa)	227	230	+6	..	..	18.1
203	155	Expand (J)	155	160	+7	..	..	..
172	105	Fisher (Albert)	169	172	+6	3.1b	1.9	30.1
333	255	Fitch Lovell	307	310	+1	2.7	1.6	28.9
173	115	Freshpack	245	251	0.8	2.5	1.0	25.9
259	171	Gardner	255	259	●+13	4.4	1.7	25.1
333	225	Glass Glover	328	330	+3	9.9	1.8	25.0
249	158	Hazlewood Foods	244	248	..	2.5	1.1	25.2
363	295	Hillsdown (aa)	363	367	+5	5.5n	1.5	20.2
236	212	Hillsdown (aa)	215	217	-3	5.2	1.8	19.7
275	98	Horne Farm	195	205	● +19	3.7	1.3	37.2
295	173	Hunter Scotch	265	275	↑+6	5.1	1.4	25.6
325	245	Inchcape (aa)	308	310	●+4	8.8	2.8	17.5
320½	241	Kwik Save	310	315	..	8.4	2.2	19.4
151	133	Lees (John J)	150	165	..	4.8	4.4	10.1
110	85	Lovell (EF)	98	100	..	4.8	4.4	10.1
617	498	Lyons (aa)	592	600	●+6	19.2	3.2	15.6
317	275	Matthews (Bernard)	287	290	●-1	7.3	2.7	14.0
210	150	Meat Trade Supp	190	210	..	2.3	0.9	17.9
297	203	Morrison (W)	287	290	●+1	6.3	2.2	17.2
335	255	Nichols (JN) (Vinos)	300	305	..	2.7b	4.4	25.4
594	54	Normans	81½	82	+½	1.0	1.2	15.3
421	246	Ross Foods	306	310	+5	6.6	2.2	14.4
230	195	Nurdin & Peacock	205	210	+5	8.0	2.8	20.2
245	170	Park Foods	240	245	-1	9.8	3.0	20.4
238	194	Pork Farms	230	233	-1	6.8	3.0	14.1
536	402	Ransomes Mac (aa)	530	533	●-2	18.6	3.5	15.1
587	418	Sainsbury (J) (aa)	570	573	-4	8.1	1.4	23.2
172½	142	Schwepes (Cadbry)	161	167	-2	4.6	2.8	20.8
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THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 80 Holdenhurst Rd Bournemouth BH8 8AL 0345 717373 (Linkline)				
Gilt & Fixed	165	123 2	0 2	9 74
High Inc Equity	127 2	135 3●	+1 1	3 84
Worldwide Bond	194 6	207 0●	0 4	4 89
American Growth	167 1	178 3	+0 7	1 72
Asian Pacific	73 3	77 9	+0 8	2 49
Assets & Earns	155 6	165 5●	+1 0	1 69
Capital Reserve	72 8	73 2	0 1	1 38
Comm & Energy	72 4	183 3	0 3	0 95
European Capital	93 5	99 4●	0 1	1 28
General	166	187 8	+1 2	2 40
Japan	94 4	100 4	+1 4	
UK Growth Inc	154 4	164 2●	+1 5	1 00
Do Accum	224 2	238 5●	+2 1	0 59
US Emerging Co s	54 4	57 8	0 3	1 88
Equitas Progress	276 4	294 0●	+1 6	2 34
Mastertst Acc	81 9	87 1	+0 4	1 97
American Inc	51 0	54 2	0 2	4 83
AETNA UNIT TRUSTS LTD 401 St John Street London EC1V 4QE 01 837 6494				
Australian	79 8	85 3		
Europe Growth Acc	118 7	126 4		0 86
Exempt	410 3	434 6●	+2 1	3 85
Far Eastern	229 8	245 6	+1 7	0 10
Fin & Prop	87 9	93 1	+1 3	1 76
High Yield	77 1	81 7●	+0 8	4 13
Income & Gth	328 9	348 4	+1 8	3 48
Intl Earnings	210 7	223 2●	+1 2	1 99
Intl Growth Inc	101 2	107 8●	+0 9	0 36
Japan Growth Acc	153 2	163 9	+0 5	0 20
Nat Resources Inc	292 1	311 1●	3 4	
Nth Amer Gth Inc	129 5	138 5	+0 5	0 50
Preference Inc	121 1	128 3●	+0 2	9 69
Small Co s Div Inc	88 1	93 3	+0 6	3 70
Small Co s Gth	312 4	330 9	+3 6	1 14
Special Sits Inc	177 0	187 5c	+2 8	1 02
UK Growth	434 8	460 6●	+3 5	2 26
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS Allied Dunbar Centre Swindon SN1 1EL 0793 610366 & 0793 28291				
UK Special Sits	305 7	324 0	+2 9	2 47
Growth & Income	170 5	180 7●	+0 8	2 84
Capital Trust	286 4	303 6●	+1 2	2 44
Balanced	473 1	501 5	+3 1	2 62
Accum Trust	715 4	758 3	+2 9	2 50
American Income	31 0	33 0	0 1	4 64
High Income Tst	323 6	343 0	+1 4	3 82
Equity Income	185 8	196 9	+1 1	3 86
High Yield	184 2	195 2●	+0 7	4 46
Govt Secs Trust	30 4	31 6●		7 58
International	106 2	113 1	+0 2	0 93
Japan Fund	149 2	157 8	+1 0	0 01
Pacific Trust	238 0	253 5	+2 5	0 05
Amer Spcl Sits	66 5	70 8●	+0 5	1 34
Secs Of Amer Tst	218 3	232 5c	+0 8	0 46
Ald Asset Value	315 2	334 1c	+1 9	2 60
Conv & Gilt Trust	42 7	45 1●	+0 2	4 97
Smaller Co s	188 3	199 6	+1 5	1 64
2nd Smaller Co s	240 2	254 6	+2 2	1 57
Recovery Trust	110 8	117 4●	+0 5	2 21
BALTIC TRUST MANAGERS 20 Cheswell Street London EC1 01 374 8801				
American	50 3	53 8	+0 1	1 81
Australian	27 6	29 4	-0 2	1 31
Japan & General	143 1	152 3	+1 7	0 03
High Income	59 4	63 2	+0 6	5 08
International Trust	99 5	105 9	+0 2	0 73
Income Gth Tst	67 8	72 1	+0 8	2 73
Gilts & Fixed Int	22 4	23 9●		9 16
Global Markets	39 5	42 0	+0 1	4 31
Special Situations	66 8	71 1●	+0 7	1 39
BARCLAYS UNICORN Unicorn House 252 Romford Rd E7 01 534 5544				
America	89 4	94 6●	+0 5	0 93
Aust Accum	258 2	273 2	1 0	0 24
Do Income	182 1	192 6	+1 8	0 24
Capital	89 6	94 8	+0 7	2 26
Exempt Trust	571 4	604 6●	+3 8	3 22
Extra Income	99 1	104 8●	+0 6	4 14
Financial	285 4	302 0c	-4 1	2 60
500	353 1	380 0	1 3	2 28
General	183 0	193 6●	+1 3	2 48
Gilt & Fixed Inc	56 4	59 3c	-0 1	9 24
Japan & Gen Inc	229 5	242 8	+1 8	0 00
Do Acc	232 1	245 6	+1 7	0 00
Growth Accum	224 9	237 9	+0 9	1 84
Income Trust	442 1	467 8	+2 6	3 11
BARING FUND MANAGERS PO Box 156 Beckenham Kent BR3 4XQ 01-658 9002				
Australia	104 9	112 1●	-0 5	0 30
Eastern	89 6	95 8	+0 5	0 00
Equity Income	75 2	80 0●	+0 4	4 50
Europe	133 0	141 4	1 1	1 00
Exempt Trust	22 1	23 6●	-0 3	0 79
Growth & Inc	79 1	84 1	+0 4	2 50
Global Gth	69 7	74 1	+0 6	0 20
Japan Special	116 7	124 6	+2 1	0 10
Japan Sunrise	107 5	114 9●	+1 3	0 00
First Europe	118 0	125 5●	-0 5	0 30
First Japan	98 8	105 7c	+0 7	0 00
First N Amer	48 2	51 2	+0 1	1 10
First Smaller Co s	98 1	104 3●	+1 2	2 20
BARRINGTON MANAGEMENT 10 Fenchurch St London EC3 01-623 8000				
Amer Smlr Co Inc	62 1	65 5		0 17
Do Accum	63 7	67 2		0 17
European Inc	100 9	106 4	-0 3	1 56
Do Accum	124 5	131 3	-0 4	1 56
Fund of Inv Tr Inc	27 4	28 9	+0 1	1 61
Do Accum	35 4	37 3	+0 2	1 61
General Inc	218 1	230 1	+2 4	1 72
Do Accum	301 4	318 0	+3 2	1 72
Gilt Yield Inc	117 5	121 0	+1 2	10 72
Global Inc	164 4	173 4c	+1 1	4 58
Do Accum	281 4	296 9c	+1 9	4 58
Do Accum	204 0	210 1	-0 5	10 23
High Yield Inc	121 6	128 3●	+1 1	2 43
Do Accum	249 3	263 0	+2 4	2 43
Int Rec Inc	133 2	140 5c	+1 9	1 57
Do Accum	140 8	148 5	+2 0	1 57
Japan Inc	269 7	287 5●	+3 5	0 17
Do Accum	272 5	287 5●	+3 0	0 17
Japanese Spec Inc	122 7	129 5	+1 2	0 00
Do Accum	123 3	130 1	+1 2	0 00
N American Inc	52 5	55 4	+0 3	0 86
Do Accum	61 0	64 4	+0 4	0 86
Pacific Inc	163 2	172 2●	+0 9	0 24
Do Accum	184 6	194 8	+0 7	0 24
Planned Investment	164 3	173 7	+4 3	2 64
Smaller Co s Inc	121 6	128 3	+1 2	0 86
Do Accum	144 8	152 8	+1 4	0 86
UK Equity Gth Inc	37 0	39 0	+0 3	0 23
Do Accum	61 3	64 7	+0 6	0 23
Worldwide Tech Inc	53 2	56 1	+0 1	0 06
Do Accum	53 6	56 5		0 06
BROWN SHIPLEY 9-17 Perrymount Rd Haywards Heath 0444 458144				
Financial	185 9	197 7	+2 0	1 90
Smaller Co s Acc	369 2	390 7●	+3 2	0 68
Do Income	234 2	247 8●	+2 0	0 66
High Income	90 7	96 5	+1 1	4 57
Income	105 9	112 7●	+1 3	3 73
Man Portfolio Inc	97 0	103 2	+1 2	2 02
Do Acc	164 4	174 9	+2 0	2 02
North American	60 1	64 0	-0 1	1 36
Orient	99 3	105 6●	+0 8	0 27
Exempt	313 2	333 2●		1 89
Recovery	76 8	81 4c	+1 1	1 04
German	30 0	31 9		0 49
Technology	152 9	162 7●	-0 3	0 28
Europe	22 1	23 8●	-0 3	0 79
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT The Stock Exchange London EC2P 2JT 01 588 2868				
Fellowship Inc	65 1	69 3●		2 00
General Inc (4)	310 5	326 0	+7 1	1 76
Do Accum (4)	500 1	524 9	+11 4	1 76
Income Fund (3)	134 0	140 3●		4 30
Do Accum (3)	244 0	255 5●		4 30
Intl Inc (2)	151 6	158 6		1 03
Do Accum (2)	202 2	211 5		1 03
Smaller Inc (5)	89 1	94 2s		1 55
Do Accum	95 8	101 2s		1 55
CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT PO Box 551 Bevis Marks London EC3 7JQ 01-621 0011				
Capital	455 6	484 7●	+3 5	1 46
Income	372 0	395 8●	+1 3	3 98
North American	308 5	328 2●	+2 0	0 75
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND 2 Fore Street London EC2Y 5AQ 01 588 1815				
Inv Fund	488 45			3 88
Fixed Int	151 3	●		9 45
Deposit	100 0			10 56
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND 2 Fore Street London EC2Y 5AQ 01 588 1815				
Income	435 09			4 39
Accum	£13 8137			
Deposit	100 0			8 90
CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MNGRS 72/73 Basinghall St London EC2V 5DP 01-606 6622				
S & C Special Sits	67 9	71 9c		0 61
CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Narrow Plain Bristol BS2 0JH 0800 373393				
Amer Growth	25 3	●	-0 8	0 00
Dragon Growth Fund	25 7	27 2	+0 4	0 00
Equity High Income	60 3	63 9	+0 2	3 50
European Growth	30 6	32 4		0 40
General Equity	54 9	58 2	+0 3	2 10
Gilt & Fixed Int Gth	32 6	34 4		3 90
Gilt & Fixed Inc	26 1	27 5		7 90
Intl Inc Tst	25 5	27 0●		4 60
Japan Growth	45 1	47 8	+0 3	0 00
Pedigree Gth	33 6	35 6	+0 2	1 80
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS St Helen's 1 Undershaft London EC3P 3DQ 01 283 7500 Dealing 01-686 9618				
UK & Gen Inc	62 3	66 2	+0 3	2 41
Do Accum	62 3	66 2	+0 3	2 41
Income Inc	62 4	66 4	+0 3	3 52
Do Accum	62 4	66 4	+0 3	3 52
Worldwide Inc	55 5	59 8	+0 3	1 47
Do Accum	55 5	59 8	+0 3	1 47
COUNTY UT MANAGERS LTD 161 Cheapside London EC2V 6EU 01 726 1999				
Euro Gth S'trat	74 1	78 5	-0 4	0 68
Extra Income	235 5	249 3●	+2 7	3 53
Financial	229 4	242 8	+2 3	1 98
Sth East Asia Grth	85 4	90 4	+1 3	1 77
Growth Investment	382 1	404 3	+2 1	1 89
Income & Growth	55 3	58 5●	+1 3	3 38
Japanese Growth	278 5	294 7	+2 2	0 42
Nth Amer Growth	118 3	125 2●	+0 5	0 68
Intl Recovery	159 2	168 4	+1 7	1 24
Smaller Co s	328 3	347 5	+5 0	1 07
Global Inc Tst	65 7	69 6	-0 1	6 29
Special Sits Acc	403 4	426 9c	+4 4	1 07
CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES LTD Crown House Woking GU21 1XW 04862 5033				
American Trust	138 7	147 6	+0 2	0 69
European Trust	125 7	134 6●	+0 1	
Growth Trust	298 9	318 0	+1 0	2 26
High Income Trust	333 4	354 7●	+1 0	4 20
Intl Tech Trust	132 1	140 5●	+0 4	
Japanese Trust	198 2	210 9	+1 3	
CRUSADER UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Reigate Surrey RH2 8BL 07372 42424				
European Growth	65 9	68 0●	+0 3	1 86
Pacific Growth	71 3	75 9●	+0 6	0 61
UK Growth Accum	74 9	79 7	+0 3	2 00
Do Dist	73 7	78 5	+0 3	2 00
UK Income	65 0	69 2	+0 2	4 00
EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 4 Melville Crescent Edinburgh 031 226 3492				
American Fund	69 3	73 8	+0 2	1 36
Capital Fund	143 0	152 3●	+1 1	1 12
Eurofund	26 3	28 0	-0 1	1 79
Growth & Inc Fund	180 6	192 3	+0 9	3 25
High Dist Fund	154 8	164 8●	+1 2	4 10
International Fund	232 6	247 7	+1 4	0 91
Pacific Fund	25 6	27 2	+0 3	0 92
Resources Fund	34 0	36 2●		0 00
Smlr Jap Co s Fnd	32 3	34 5	+0 5	
Tokyo Fund	229 6	244 5	+1 9	0 00
(Ex) Amer (2)	138 4	143 2●		1 92
(Ex) Japan (3)	127 6	131 1		0 18
(Ex) Pacific (4)	376 2	388 5		0 28
(Ex) Smaller Jap (4)	190 8	196 0	+6 3	0 10
EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Bath Road Cheltenham Gloucester GL53 7LQ 0242 521311				
UK Balanced Inc	97 2	103 1	+0 4	2 30
Do Accum	98 5	105 7	+0 6	2 24
UK Growth Accum	133 6	141 7●	+2 2	1 45
UK High Inc Inc	100 5	106 6●	+1 6	3 28
N American Accum	74 4	79 4	+0 4	0 70
Far Eastern Accum	137 2	146 3	+1 4	0 69
European Accum	88 4	94 3		1 22
UK Gilt & FI Inc	58 7	62 3	-0 2	7 86
Do Accum	62 5	66 3	-0 2	7 39
Intl Spec Sit Acc	49 1	52 4	+0 2	
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD Admin Centre Hexagon House 28 Western Road Romford RM1 3LB 0708-66966				
Endurance	133 3	141 9		0 93
EQUITABLE UNITS ADMINISTRATION Walton Street Aylesbury HP21 7QW 0296 431480				
Equitable Pelican	100 9	107 4●	+0 7	2 70
High Income Trust	98 3	104 6●	+0 5	4 33
Gilt & Fixed Int	55 1	58 7		7 36
Tst Of Inv Trusts	88 3	94 0	+0 4	1 49
Special Sits Trust	105 8	112 6	+0 7	2 06
Nth Amer Trust	62 7	66 8	+0 5	1 50
Far Eastern Trust	114 3	121 7	+1 5	0 33
Intl Growth	59 2	63 0	+0 3	0 96
EQUITY & LAW St George Hse Corporation St Coventry CV1 1GD 0203 553231				
UK Growth Accum	196 8	209 3●	+1 2	2 50
Do Income	166 6	177 2●	+0 9	2 50
Higher Inc Accum	336 0	359 5●	+11 2	3 60
Do Income	259 1	276 0●	+0 9	3 60
Gilt/Fixed Accum	108 9	115 6	-0 2	7 89
Do Income	84 4	90 0	-0 2	7 89
Nth Amer Tst Accum	145 0	154 2●	+0 8	0 03
Far East Tst Accum	198 2	210 8●	+2 3	0 00
Euro Tst Accum	162 7	173 0●	-0 8	0 67
General Trust	302 3	321 5●	+2 1	2 57
F & C UNIT MANAGEMENT 1 Laurence Pountney Hill London EC4R 0BA 01-623 4680				
US Smaller Co s	70 3	74 8	+0 3	0 18
UK Income Fund	92 1	98 0	+0 5	4 29
Far Eastern Fund	83 1	88 5	+1 6	0 00
Overseas Income	73 5	78 2	0 2	3 60
Fixed Interest	62 7	66 8	0 2	9 58
Natural Res Fund	75 5	80 4	0 2	2 13
European Income	80 7	85 9	0 2	2 91
Financials Fund	54 8	58 3		2 58
Intl Tech Fund	126 0	134	+1 0	0 14
FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS 190 West George St Glasgow G2 2PA 041 332 3132				
Amer Gth Inc	23 4	24 9	+0 3	
Do Acc	23 4	24 9	+0 3	
Balanced Gth Inc	67 5	71 8●	+0 9	0 60
Do Accum	69 0	73 4●	+0 9	
Income Gth Inc	58 3	59 9	+0 4	5 30
Do Accum	60 4	64 3	+0 8	
Service Co s Inc	77 7	82 7	+0 9	1 00
Do Accum	79 2	84 3	+0 9	
Higher Inc	30 6	32 5	+0 3	7 00
Do acc	30 9	32 9	+0 3	
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD River Walk Tonbridge TN9 1DY 0732 361144				
American	116 3	123 8	+0 5	0 73
Amer Equity Income	33 7	35 9●		3 71
Amer Special Sits	54 7	58 2●	+0 1	0 09
Australia	44 7	47 4	0 4	1 34
European	51 6	54 7		
European Inc	24 0	25 5		3 84
Global Conv	25 1	26 6		5 00
Far East Inc	41 2	43 7c	-0 1	3 35
Gilt & Fixed Int	31 5	●	+0 1	8 50
Growth & Income	128 4	136 8	+0 7	3 48
Japan Special Sits	55 3	59 0	-0 7	
Japan	167 4	178 6	2 4	
Managed Intl	155 0	164 9	+0 1	0 18
Max Income Equity	113 4	120 7	+0 3	3 93
Professional Gth	45 0	48 2	+0 6	1 72
South East Asia	50 7	54 0	-0 1	0 05
Special Sits	252 2	268 4	+1 0	0 89
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT 3 London Wall Bldgs London Wall London EC2M 5NQ 01-628 5181				
Amer & Gen Inc	208 3	220 4	+0 9	
Do Accum	212 8	225 1	+0 8	
Amer Turnarnd Inc	213 9	226 3	-0 2	1 19
Do Accum	221 8	234 7	-0 2	1 19
Capital Tst Inc	292 8	309 8●	+3 2	1 65
Do Accum	358 1	378 9●	+2 7	1 65
Conv & Gilt Inc	108 5	114 8	+0 4	4 38
Do Accum	147 7	156 2	+0 5	4 38
European Inc	67 3	71 2●	-0 3	0 83
Do Accum	67 3	71 2●	-0 3	0 83
Extra Inc Tst Inc	231 1	244 5	+1 2	3 57
Do Accum	253 9	268 6	+1 4	3 57
Financial Accum	53 9	57 0	-0 1	1 09
Do Inc	53 7	56 8		1 09
Income Trust	165 6	175 2c	+1 0	3 04
Do Accum	177 2	187 5c	+1 0	3 04
Int Growth Fd Inc	172 0	182 0	+1 5	
Do Accum	191 0	202 1●	+1 7	
Japan & Gen Inc	113 9	120 5	+1 3	
Do Accum	115 0	121 6	+1 2	
Monthly Income Fd	120 5	127 5●	+1 4	3 39
PEP 87	60 2	63 7	+0 8	2 86
Recovery	196 8	208 2	+1 3	0 93
Do Accum	214 7	227 1	+1 4	0 93
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS Pixham End, Dorking Surrey 0306 885055				
FP Equity Dist	264 1	280 2●	+7 4	2 20
Do Accum	449 1	476 7●	+12 5	2 20
FP Fixed Int Dist	119 3	126 9●	+0 4	8 30
Do Accum	145 4	154 6●	+0 6	8 30
Stewardship Dist	236 6	251 1●	+3 5	1 15
Do Accum	247 0	262 2●	+3 7	1 15
FP North American	129 7	137 5	+0 2	1 33
FP Pacific Basin	217 7	230 7	3 5	0 22
GT UNIT MANAGERS 8th Floor 8 Devonshire Sq London EC2M 4YJ 01 283 2575 Dealing 01-626 9431				
Amer Special Sits	77 5	82 5●	+0 2	0 50
UK Cap Fnd Inc	140 9	149 9	+0 8	2 00
Do Accum	204 1	217 2	+1 2	2 00
Income Fund	106 3	113 1	+0 5	5 20
International	192 2	204 5	+0 2	0 30
US & General	59 9	63 8●	+0 8	0 70
Japan & General	308 2	327 9●	+0 8	0 10
Far East & Gen	172 4	183 5	+1 9	0 10
European Fund	260 9	277 6	-0 8	0 10
Germany Fund	65 3	69 5	+0 3	1 00
Intl Inc Fund	57 3	61 0	-0 1	4 10
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS 2 St Mary Axe London EC3A 8BP 01-623 1212 Dealing 01-623 5766 Dealing 01-623 5806				
American Trust	86 0	91 4	+0 5	0 70
Australian Trust	36 7	39 0●	-0 6	0 00
British Tst Accum	84 6	90 1	+0 3	1 59
Do Dist	72 9	77 6	+0 2	1 59
Commodity Share	96 0	102 2	-0 4	1 00
European Trust	54 5	58 0	-0 6	0 50
Extra Income Trust	62 6	66 7●	+0 2	4 34
Far Eastern Trust	149 4	159 0	1 6	0 60
Fixed Interest Fund	27 6	29 4●		8 92
Premier Mkts	26 1	27 5	+0 4	0 35
Intl Fixed Int Tst	24 8	26 4●	+0 2	9 04
Global Fund Accum	201 3	214 2	+0 9	0 40
Do Dist	191 2	203 5	+0 9	0 40
Gold Share Trust	25 8	27 6	-0 2	0 55
Hedged American	37 2	39 6	+0 3	0 50
High Income Trust	31 1	33 1●	+0 2	4 75
Hong Kong Trust	37 6	40 1	-0 8	1 00
Income Fund	106 2	113 0	+0 8	2 59
Japan Trust	143 6	152 7	1 6	0 00
Managed Exempt	324 5	336 1●	+2 7	1 81
Oil & Energy Trust	45 0	47 9	+0 2	2 50
Special Sits Trust	148 6	158 1	+1 7	0 67
UK Smlr C s Rec Tst	111 6	118 8	+1 9	0 50
Cashtenham UK	27 7	29 1	+0 1	1 92
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT Winchester Hse 77 London Wall London EC2N 1DA 01-588 5620				
Intl Growth	100 5	106 9		0 98
American Growth	71 3	75 8		2 67
American Inc	73 0	77 6		6 00
European Growth	231 8	247 6		0 23
Gold & Minerals	76 6	81 4		0 42
Japan Growth	55 2	59 0s		
Pacific Inc	87 1	92 6		3 81
Pacific Strategy	53 2	56 5		0 41
UK Progressive Inc	77 5	82 4		3 74
UK Special Opps	171 5	182 4		0 56
GRE UNIT MANAGERS Royal Exchange EC3P 3DN 01-888 9903				
Gilt & Fixed Int	125 1	130 0	+0 1	8 54
Growth Equity	272 0	287 9c	+6 5	1 56
Guardhill	357 8	370 7	+6 5	2 16
N American	153 3	162 3●	+0 5	1 09
Pacific	330 0	349 3●	+0 1	0 00
Property Share	416 6	440 9	+18 1	0 90
Smaller Companies	298 5	315 9●	+7 2	1 23
European Trust	273 4	289 4	3 6	1 91
GUINNESS MAHON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS PO Box 442 32 St Mary-at-Hill London EC3P 3AJ 01-623 9333				
High Income	72 2	76 9●	+0 7	4 57
N Amer Trust	114 9	122 3●	-0 4	0 73
Recovery	315 4	335 6●	+2 1	1 86
Gilt Trust	40 2	41 7●	-0 1	8 65
St Vincent Inc	110 7	114 2	+2 0	4 51
St Vincent US Gth	72 2	75 3	0 2	0 73
Temple Bar Sm Co s	246 4	258 2		2 60
Euro Gth Tst	47 2	50 4	0 2	0 80
HAMBROS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Admin 5 Rayleigh Rd Hutton Brentwood Essex Enquiries 0277 227300 Dealing 0277 217916				
Hambros Smlr Co s	187 9	199 4	+1 6	1 30
Hambros N Amer	67 0	71 1●		0 91
Hambros Jap & F E	156 0	164 5●	+1 1	0 38
Hambros Scandin	80 4	85 3	0 4	0 90
Hambros European	103 0	109 3●		0 84
Hambros Canadian	57 3	60 8	0 2	1 07
Hambros Equity Inc	112 2	119 0●	+0 3	4 10
Hambros High Inc	84 8	90 0	+0 7	4 47
Hambros Res Assets	75 9	80 5	+0 3	2 22
Hambros Intl Sits	70 6	74 9	+0 8	0 67
HENDERSON Premier UT Administration Admin 5 Rayleigh Rd Hutton Brentwood Essex 0277 217238				
Amer Recovery Tst	112 1	119 3●	+0 4	2 05
Amer Smaller Co s	52 4	55 7●	+0 2	0 01
Australian	112 3	119 5●	-0 6	1 02
Capital Growth Inc	75 7	80 6	+0 3	1 34
Do Accum	88 1	93 8	+0 3	1 34
European	261 4	279 8●	2 0	0 70
Euro Inc Tst	47 5	50 5	-0 1	4 21
Euro Smaller Co s	108 7	116 3	-0 9	0 16
Extra Income	240 8	257 5	+0 8	3 18
Financial Trust	201 9	214 8●	+3 5	1 98
Fixed Interest Tst	55 7	59 0	-0 1	9 05
Gilt Trust	43 8	46 4●	-0 3	8 25
Global Healthcare	83 9	89 4	+0 6	0 01
Global Inc & Gth	66 6	70 8		4 22
Global Resources	134 9	144 3	+0 7	0 03
Global Tech	123 6	131 6	+1 1	0 01
Gold	93 7	100 8	2 0	1 66
High Income Tst	254 4	272 1●	+2 0	3 48
Hong Kong	69 9	74 4	+0 6	1 45
Income & Growth Inc	199 0	211 7c	+0 2	2 42
Do Accum	394 8	420 0c	+0 4	2 42
Income Assets	145 1	155 2	+0 9	2 85
International	204 0	217 0●	+2 5	1 67
Japan Special Sits	221 8	236 2	5 8	0 01
Japan Tst	208 8	222 4	+0 3	0 01
North American	150 8	160 4	+0 4	0 54
Pacific Smaller Co s	89 0	94 7●	+1 4	1 05
Pref & Gilt	51 0	54 3		8 83
Recovery Tst	155 5	165 4	+1 3	1 34
Singapore & Malay	42 1	44 8	+1 1	1 09
Smaller Co s Div	166 2	176 8●	+0 5	3 77
Special Sits Inc	189 0	201 3	+2 5	0 60
Do Accum	268 4	285 8	+3 6	0 60
Worldwide	494 4	520 4		2 66
Euro Exempt	127 8	134 6●	-0 1	1 35
Global Tech Exempt	95 5	101 6c	+0 7	0 01
High Income Exempt	167 2	178 0	+0 8	4 05
Japan Exempt	206 8	217 7	+1 3	0 01
N Amer Exempt	91 9	96 7c	+0 4	1 62
Pacific Exempt	201 6	212 2●	+2 4	1 34
Smaller Co s Exempt	179 5	188 9c	+2 4	1 97
Best of British	44 8	47 7	+0 3	1 80
Spirit Of The East	50 0			3 00
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS NLA Tower Addiscombe Road Croydon 01-686 4355 01-628 8011				
British Trust Units	690 6	730 7		2 66
Capital Trust Units	125 7	133 1	+2 1	2 14
Dollar Trust Units	189 6	200 7●	-0 3	1 34
European Trust	147 6	156 2	-2 3	0 96
Far East Trust	157 6	166 8	+2 4	1 69
Financial Trust	466 2	493 4●	+10 6	1 88
Gilt Fixed Int Inc	29 2	30 4	+0 1	8 54
Do Growth	40 0	42 5		8 00
High Yield Trust	88 0	93 2c	+1 4	2 87
Income Trust	109 2	115 6●	+2 4	3 46
International	143 5	151 9	+0 5	7 71
Japan Tech Tst	36 3	38 5	+0 8	0 00
Natural Resources	52 9	56 0●	-0 2	1 26
Security Trust	256 0	271 0	+5 4	2 47
Smaller Cos	132 6	140 4●	+2 6	1 38
Special Sits	132 0	139 7	+2 4	1 84
US Smaller Cos	25 8	27 4	-0 1	0 81
IBI FUND MANAGERS 32 Queen Annes Gate London SW1H 9AB 01 222 1000				
IBI Brit & Oseas	155 8	184 9●	+1 2	1 54
IBI Inc Plus	75 5	79 9●	+1 3	3 91
IBI Cap Gth	80 0	95 6●	+12 2	2 96
Inv Tst Fnd	89 4	94 7●	+0 1	2 89
KEY FUND MANAGERS 86, High Street Hythe Kent CT21 5AJ 0303 64779				
Equity & Gen	62 4	66 8	+0 6	1 35
Gilt & Fixed Int Fund	67 9	72 3		8 89
Higher Inc	152 7	163 5	+1 6	3 68
Income	72 5	77 4	+0 3	4 05
International	63 7	68 2s		1 02
LEGAL & GENERAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 5, Rayleigh Road, Brentwood Essex Enquiries 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 234634				
Equity Distribution	358 8	381 7	+2 1	1 97
Do Accum	572 8	609 4	+3 2	1 97
Do Income	81 0	86 2	+0 3	3 78
European	77 1	82 0		1 57
Far Eastern	148 6	158 1	+1 8	0 01
Gilt Trust	83 7	88 6●	-0 1	8 91
O'seas Equity	94 2	100 2	+0 4	1 11
Natural Res	108 2	115 1	-0 1	1 33
N American Trust	87 0	92 5	+0 4	1 43
UK Special Sits	94 8	100 9	+1 3	1 24
International Bond	46 9	49 9	-0 1	4 19
Japanese Tst	67 1	71 4	+0 7	0 01
Managed Tst	54 2	57 7●	-0 1	1 18
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Registrars Dpt, Goring-By-Sea, Worthing, W Sussex 0634 405161				
Balanced	238 4	253 6	+2 1	2 33
Do Accum	433 9	461 5	+3 7	2 33
Cond Euro Gth Inc	45 5	48 4	-0 2	0 56
Do Accum	45 5	48 4	-0 2	0 56
Energy Intl	65 8	70 0	+0 3	1 85
Do Accum	74 3	79 0	+0 2	1 85
Extra Income	207 3	220 5c	+1 2	3 97
Do Accum	380 1	404 3	+2 2	3 97
German Gth Inc	64 6	68 7●	+0 5	0 41
Do Accum	64 8	68 9	+0 3	0 41
Income	359 1	382 0●	+1 9	3 41
Do Accum	731 5	778 1	+3 7	3 41
Intl Tech	225 7	240 1●	+2 3	0 08
Do Accum	236 2	251 2	+8 4	0 08
Japan Growth	108 9	115 8●	+1 0	0 01
Do Accum	109 3	116 2●	+0 9	0 01
N Amer & Gen	115 1	122 4	+0 5	0 70
Do Accum	124 7	132 6	+0 8	0 70
Pacific Basin	172 5	183 5	+1 4	0 02
Do Accum	180 4	191 9	+1 4	0 02
Smaller Cos & Rec	283 6	301 7	+4 7	1 46
Do Accum	322 1	342 6	+5 4	1 46
Worldwide Growth	230 1	244 7	+1 0	0 35
Do Accum	324 1	344 7	+1 5	0 35
UK Growth Fund	64 1	68 1	+0 5	1 33
LONDON & MANCHESTER Winslade Park Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 215347				
General Trust	58 0	61 8●	+0 4	2 90
Income Trust	50 3	53 4	+0 4	4 70
International Trust	40 5	43 0	+0 2	0 60
American	34 8	37 0	+0 1	0 30
Japan	57 4	61 0	+0 5	0 00
Trust of Inv	37 3	39 7●	+0 1	1 90
M & G SECURITIES Three Quays Tower Hill EC3R 6BQ 01-626 4588 Dealing 0245-266266				
Amer & Gen Inc	222 0	236 4	+0 2	1 01
Do Accum	260 6	277 5	+0 2	1 01
Amer Recovery	253 2	269 7●	-0 5	0 18
Do Accum	277 6	295 6	-0 5	0 18
Am Smaller Co Acc	58 2	62 0	+0 3	0 05
Australia Acc	189 7	201 1	-0 5	0 27
Commodity Acc	340 0	358 7	-0 7	1 50
Compound Growth	548 0	578 1●	+5 5	2 57
Conversion Growth	430 6	456 4	+3 0	2 19
Do Inc	253 8	267 8	+1 2	4 39
Dividend Fund Inc	547 5	577 6c	+5 2	3 90
Do Accum	£16 62	17 53	+0 15	3 90
European Acc	296 6	314 4	-1 2	1 03
Extra Yield Inc	309 4	329 4	+3 7	3 98
Do Accum	690 9	728 9	+8 4	3 98
Far Eastern Inc	182 0	192 0	+0 6	0 88
Do Accum	223 7	236 0	+0 8	0 88
Fund Of Inv Inc	317 3	334 8●	+1 4	2 13
Do Acc	508 2	536 1●	+2 3	2 13
General Income	841 7	888 0	+8 7	2 93
Do Accum	£18 10	19 10	+0 18	2 93
Gilt & Fixed Int	63 3	66 5●		8 42
Do Accum	102 8	107 9		8 42
Gold Income	70 8	74 7	-0 3	1 32
Do Accum	76 1	80 3	-0 3	1 32
High Income Inc	428 4	456 2	+4 8	4 11
Do Accum	£11 80	12 57	+0 12	4 11
Intl Growth Inc	849 0	908 4	+1 8	1 24
Do Accum	£13 74	14 70	+0 02	1 24
Intl Inc	66 5	70 3●	-0 1	4 21
Japan Acc	973 3	1026 8●	+13 2	0 00
Japan Smaller Acc	92 7	97 8●	+1 7	0 00
Midland & Gen Inc	817 6	862 6●	-8 8	2 96
Do Accum	£20 91	22 06	+0 22	2 96
Recovery Fund Inc	542 4	572 2	+5 4	2 40
Do Accum	710 5	749 5	+7 1	2 40
Second Gen Inc	940 1	991 8	-8 2	2 96
Do Accum	£18 82	19 86	+0 16	2 96
Smaller Cos Inc	960 3	1013 1	+11 8	2 01
Do Accum	£15 29	16 13	+0 18	2 01
Trustee Fund Inc	587 9	633 8●	+4 5	3 39
Charibond Inc (3)	116 0	●		9 78
Charifund Inc (2)	538 2	543 6●		4 43
Pension Exempt (1)	607 1	631 4●		3 40
NAACIF Inc (3)	45 4	●		7 59
Do Accum (3)	596 5	●		7 59
MIM BRITANNIA UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 74/78 Finsbury Pavement, London EC2A 1JD 01-588 2777 Dealing 01-638 0478/9 UK Specialist Trusts				
Growth Gilt	64 5	65 3		0 39
Smaller Co s	205 5	219 2		0 83
Special Features	126 7	135 1●		0 78
Do Accum	132 9	141 8●		0 78
General Funds				
UK Growth	49 8	53 1●		1 53
Assets & Earn Dist	60 5	64 6		1 93
Do Accum	60 6	64 8		1 93
Managed Inv	63 8	68 1		1 34
High Income Funds				
Extra Inc	72 9	77 8		5 55
Gilt	27 9	29 4		8 18
Inc & Growth	269 7	287 7●		3 26
Nat High Inc	251 8	268 6●		3 72
Pref Shares	19 2	20 5c		9 07
Sector Specialist Funds				
Commodity	213 2	227 4●		0 51
Financial Secs	56 5	60 3		0 87
Gold	89 8	95 8c		0 00
Do Accum	93 0	100 3c		0 00
Intl Leisure	15 5	16 5		0 00
Prop Shares	92 4	98 6		0 00
Univ Energy	56 8	60 6		0 61
World Tech	46 8	49 9		0 00
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	112 5	117 8●		2 97
Overseas Growth Fund				
Amer Growth	101 0	107 7		0 91
Aust Growth	100 8	107 5		0 56
European Perf	88 8	94 7		0 36
Do Accum	89 0	94 9		0 36
Euro Smaller	16 6	17 7		1 10
Far East	69 3	73 9		0 05
French Growth	48 5	51 8		0 72
Hong Kong	34 2	36 5		1 05
Intl Growth	41 5	44 3●		0 51
Intl Recovery	117 5	125 3●		0 43
Japan Perf	91 4	97 5		0 00
Japan Smaller Cos	17 1	18 2		0 00
US Small Co	66 9	71 4		0 00
Do Accum	67 6	72 1		0 00
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl High Inc	59 4	63 4●		3 57
US Income	56 4	60 2		4 38
Do Accum	62 7	66 9		4 38
NEL Trusts				
Nelstar Gilt	70 9	72 7●		8 65
MLA UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 Sessions House Square, Maidstone Kent ME14 1XX 0622 674751				
MLA American	27 5	29 1	+0 2	0 85
MLA Emerging	24 0	25 4		0 70
MLA General	44 1	46 7	+0 3	1 90
MLA International	63 3	67 0●	+0 4	0 79
MLA Gilt Unit	26 1	25 8●	-0 1	9 70
MLA Income	58 4	61 9●	+0 2	3 84
MLA European	34 1	36 1	-0 1	0 89
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD 33, King William St, EC4R 9AS 01-280 2860				
Amer Growth	105 2	111 3●		2 35
Do Accum	110 2	116 5●		2 35
Amer Income	50 8	53 7		5 14
Do Accum	55 1	58 3●		5 14
European Growth	139 0	147 8	-0 7	0 55
Do Accum	143 9	153 0	-0 7	0 55
General	345 3	366 4	+1 3	2 34
Do Accum	575 2	608 6	+2 2	2 34
Gilt & Fixed	92 7	93 1	-0 2	7 07
Do Accum	107 8	108 3	-0 3	7 07
Income	113 3	119 8	+0 3	3 99
Do Accum	128 1	136 6	+0 3	3 99
International	292 8	309 8	+1 8	1 41
Do Accum	364 5	385 7	+2 2	1 41
Japan	226 9	241 3	+2 9	0 45
Do Accum	232 9	247 7	+3 0	0 45
Recovery	279 0	295 2●		2 47
Do Accum	303 4	321 0●		2 47
Exempt Dist	330 5	338 9		2 29
Do Accum	517 5	530 8		2 29
Euro Fund Inc	80 7	85 8	-0 3	3 45
Do Accum	83 0	88 2	-0 4	3 45
Amer Smlr Dist	48 4	51 2		0 49
Do Acc	48 4	51 2		0 49
Br Blue Chip Dist	49 1	51 9		2 41
Do Acc	49 1	51 9		2 41
Global Dist	48 1	50 8		0 89
Do Acc	48 1	50 8		0 89
High Inc Dist	49 2	52 0		5 05
Do Acc	49 2	52 0		5 05
High Int Dist	48 0	50 7		8 87
Do Acc	48 0	50 7		8 87
Pacific Dist	49 5	52 3		0 10
Do Acc	49 5	52 3		0 10
UK Smlr Dist	48 5	51 3		1 95
Do Acc	48 5	51 3		1 95
MIDLAND BANK GROUP UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Courtwood Hse Silver St Head, Sheffield S1 3RD 0742 769842				
Capital Income	112 2	119 0	+0 8	1 39
Do Accum	154 1	163 5	+0 9	1 39
Commodity & Gen	182 7	193 8●	-0 7	1 39
Do Accum	260 8	276 7●	-1 2	1 39
Extra High Inc	70 7	75 0●	+0 2	6 80
Do Accum	85 8	91 0●	+0 1	6 80
Gilt & Fixed Inc	57 2	59 7		8 28
Do Accum	98 1	102 5	-0 1	8 28
High Yield	201 7	214 0●	+0 6	4 48
Do Accum	356 7	378 5●	+1 0	4 48
Income	230 4	244 4	+1 1	2 94
Do Accum	386 2	409 8	+1 9	2 94
Intl High St Dist	54 2	57 6	+0 3	1 74
Do Accum	54 2	57 6	+0 3	1 74
Japan & Pacific	380 7	403 9	+5 0	0 18
Do Accum	400 0	424 4	+5 3	0 18
N American Inc	119 4	126 6c	+0 1	1 40
Do Accum	143 4	152 2c	+0 1	1 40
Euro Gth Inc	129 1	136 9c	+0 2	1 08
Do Accum	155 3	164 8c	+0 2	1 08
Managed Portfolio	64 6	68 3	+0 3	2 65
Smaller Cos Inc	170 9	181 3	+1 1	1 37
Do Accum	183 8	195 0	+1 3	1 37
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 163, Hope Street, Glasgow G2 2UH 041 221 9252				
American	117 0	124 8	0 3	3 40
European	255 8	277 3	0 6	2 67
Far Eastern	105 3	112 4	+1 7	0 21
Olympiad	51 0	54 4	+0 3	0 94
Smaller Cos	314 5	335 7●	+2 5	0 75
NATIONAL PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGERS 48 Gracechurch St EC3P 3HH 01-623 4200 Ext 289				
NPI UK	272 4	289 8●	+5 1	2 40
Do Accum	448 4	477 1●	+2 1	2 40
NPI Overseas	642 3	683 3	+1 3	1 30
Do Accum	789 5	839 9	+1 9	1 30
Far East Acc	112 7	119 9	+0 3	0 10
American Acc	63 9	68 0	-0 2	1 30
European Acc	57 9	61 7●	-0 9	0 80
Worldwide Acc	62 7	66 8●	+0 6	1 70
N M SCHRODER Enterprise House Portsmouth 0705 827733				
American Acc	143 9	153 0●	+0 4	0 72
Australia Acc	126 5	135 2	1 1	0 69
European Inc	124 5	132 4●	-0 2	1 01
Do Accum	128 5	136 6●	-0 2	1 01
Extra Inc	79 2	84 2●	+0 1	5 88
Far East Gth Accum	76 4	81 2	+0 7	0 00
Gilt & Fixed Inc	57 9	61 0		7 89
Gold Fund Inc	67 0	71 2●	-0 3	1 19
Do Accum	70 9	75 4●	-0 4	1 19
Income Inc	235 2	250 2	+0 7	4 01
Do Accum	354 9	369 0	+1 8	4 01
Intl Income	131 1	139 4●	+0 4	0 38
Do Accum	181 8	193 3●	+0 6	0 38
Jap Smlr Co s Ac	137 3	146 0	+1 5	0 00
Sing & Malay Acc	86 6	92 1c	+1 9	0 62
Smaller Co Inc Acc	184 1	195 8	+1 0	0 86
Special Sits Inc	156 3	166 2●	+2 2	0 78
Do Accum	163 5	173 9●	+2 2	0 78
Tokyo Fund Inc	265 9	283 9	+1 5	0 00
Do Accum	269 8	287 0	+1 5	0 00
US Smaller Co s Ac	53 8	57 2	+0 3	0 00
UK Equity Inc	137 4	146 1	+0 6	2 31
Do Accum	214 8	228 5	+0 9	2 31
OPPENHEIMER TRUST MANAGEMENT 66 Cannon Street, London EC4N 6AE dealings 01-236 3885/6/7/8/9/0				
International Growth	161 2	171 5		0 05
Income & Growth	81 9	87 1	+1 1	2 53
Worldwide Rec	114 9	122 2	+0 2	1 00
American Growth	33 2	35 1	+0 1	
Japan Growth	71 2	75 4●	+0 8	0 00
European Growth	69 6	73 7	-0 3	0 90
UK Growth	76 8	81 7	+0 5	0 50
Pacific Growth	61 4	65 3	+1 3	0 12
High Income	41 4	44 1	+0 2	5 72
Practical Income	74 9	78 7	+0 3	2 15
Do Accum	137 9	146 7	+0 4	2 15
PEARL TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 252, High Holborn WC1V 7EB 01-405 8441				
Growth Fund Inc	114 2	121 5●	+0 6	1 94
Do Accum	173 9	184 0●	+0 4	1 94
Income Fund	163 0	173 4●	+1 0	2 93
Intl Equity Inc	151 3	161 0	-0 2	1 31
Do Accum	152 7	162 4	-0 1	1 31
Unit Trust Inc	166 5	177 1	+0 7	2 29
Do Accum	291 6	310 2	+1 3	2 29
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST 48, Hart Street Henley On Thames 0491 576868				
Intl Growth	312 1	333 1	+2 2	0 96
Income	243 9	259 8●	-0 1	3 45
Worldwide Rec	170 3	181 6	+1 0	1 52
Amer Growth	73 1	78 1	+0 2	0 89
Intl Emerg Co s	94 5	100 9●	+0 7	0 68
Far East Grwth	106 2	113 4	+1 5	0 68
European Gth	64 0	68 4	+0 2	1 04
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 222, Bishopsgate, London EC2 01-247 7544/7				
International	149 1	158 7●	+0 2	0 19
High Income	84 8	90 5●	+0 6	3 19
Conv & Gilt	123 9	131 9●	+1 1	4 38
Far Eastern	214 0	228 5●	+1 3	0 00
North American	129 5	138 5●	+0 2	0 00
Special Sits	105 0	111 8	+1 0	0 87
Technology	147 0	157 3	+1 8	0 00
Extra Income	125 3	133 4●	+0 5	3 44
Euro Gth & Inc	51 5	55 1	+0 2	2 46
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 51-59, Ilford Hill, Ilford Essex IG1 2DL LinkLine 0800 010345				
Holborn Equity	539 2	570 5●	+2 9	2 37
European	112 7	119 2c	-0 1	0 70
Holborn Comms	70 2	74 2	+0 4	0 41
Holborn High Inc	81 4	86 1	+0 2	5 01
Holborn Intl	114 6	121 2	+0 8	0 92
Japanese	129 3	136 8	+2 2	0 04
N American	87 6	92 6●	+0 2	0 52
Holborn Spec Sits	91 4	96 7	+1 0	1 51
Holborn UK Growth	108 5	114 8	+1 1	1 69
Holborn Gilt Trust	214 6	223 5●	-0 7	2 13
Holborn Smlr Cos	69 6	73 8●	+0 3	1 58
Holborn Eqty Inc	64 7	68 4●	+0 8	3 76
NM ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT LIMITED St Swithins Lane London EC4P 4DU 01-280 5456				
NC Income	115 7	123 0●	+0 5	3 29
NC Japan	224 0	238 2	+8 7	
NC Major UK Co	66 8	71 0	+0 3	1 83
NC Smaller Acs	80 7	85 8	+0 2	0 86
NC American Inc	308 0	327 6	1 6	0 88
Do Accum	336 4	357 8	1 7	0 88
NC Smaller Cos	199 6	212 3	+2 3	1 33
NC Smlr Canda Inc	50 0			1 00
NC Smlr Europ Co s	196 5	209 0	-0 4	0 50
ROYAL LIFE FUND MANAGEMENT PO Box 34 Peterborough PE2 0UE 0733-230000				
Equity Trust	80 2	89 8●	+2 8	2 28
Intl Trust	87 1	92 1	+0 9	1 24
Gilt Trust	28 1	29 8		7 74
US Trust	35 7	37 7	+0 2	1 40
Pacific Basin Tst	56 3	59 5	+1 0	0 23
20 Clifton St, London EC2 01-920 0311				
Equity Dist	167 7	177 5	+1 8	1 25
Do Accum	237 5	251 4	+2 5	1 25
High Income Trust	118 9	125 9●	+0 3	3 20
Do Accum	143 5	151 9●	+0 3	3 20
US Growth	62 5	66 2		1 06
Do Accum	64 0	67 8		1 06
ROYAL TRUST FUND MANAGEMENT (formerly Arbuthnot Securities Ltd) 3 Finsbury Square, London EC2A 1RT 01-638 2433 Unit Dealing 01-638 2531				
Capital Growth Inc	82 0	88 1	+0 4	1 12
Do Accum	94 1	101 1	+0 6	1 12
Ryl Tst Pacific Basin	177 8	190 9	-0 7	0 29
Do 8% Withdrawal	90 7	95 8	-0 3	0 29
Finance & Property	103 3	111 0	+0 6	2 51
Ryl Tst Fixed & Conv	55 2	59 3●	+0 1	6 33
Do Accum	97 2	104 5●	+0 1	6 33
Equity Income	108 6	116 7	+1 0	3 34
Do Accum	261 0	280 6	+2 4	3 34
High Yield Income	101 6	109 2	+1 3	5 33
Do Accum	277 6	298 4	+3 3	5 33
Intl Income	93 4	100 4		1 06
Do Accum	95 6	103 0		1 06
Do 5% Withdrawal	86 8	93 1		1 06
Managed Fund	86 3	89 8	+0 3	
Preference Income	31 8	34 1●		8 72
Do Accum	107 8	115 9●		8 72
Ryl Tst Smlr Co s	103 4	111 1●	+1 6	0 81
Portfolio Tst UK	106 9	110 7	+1 8	1 03
Portfolio Tst Japan	123 5	127 9	-2 0	0 00
Portfolio Tst US	73 5	76 1	+0 4	1 02
Portfolio Tst Europe	116 4	120 6	+0 2	0 00
Portfolio Tst HK	51 1	52 9	-0 5	0 10
Commodities	58 1	60 2	+0 9	0 10
Singapore	53 6	55 5	+0 4	0 10
Gold	64 9	67 2	1 9	0 10
Canada	53 3	55 2	+0 5	0 10
SAVE & PROSPER 28, Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB (Romford) 0708-66966				
Amer Inc & Growth	64 0	68 0●		7 29
Capital Units	123 5	131 3	+0 5	1 07
Commodity	82 5	87 7	2 2	0 22
European Growth	121 6	129 3	-0 5	1 32
Financial Secs	119 7	127 3	+1 1	2 01
High Return Units	249 3	265 2	+1 8	3 41
High Yield Units	219 1	233 0●	+1 0	3 48
Income Units	122 2	130 0	+0 7	4 60
Investment Trust	112 0	119 1●	+0 5	2 12
Japan Growth	119 5	127 1	+6 9	0 00
Japan Smaller Cos	126 9	135 0	+1 3	0 00
Masterfund	36 5	38 8	+0 1	2 25
Scotbits	166 0	176 5	+1 8	2 39
Scotshares	201 0	213 8	+1 0	2 40
Scotyields	206 8	220 0	+0 9	3 51
Select International	99 7	106 0●	+0 8	1 35
Smaller Co s Inc	226 1	240 5●	+1 7	3 35
Special Situations	144 6	153 8	+0 6	1 04
UK Equity	244 4	259 9	+1 8	2 53
US Growth	75 7	80 5	+0 1	1 27
SCIMITAR ASSET MANAGEMENT 8 Crosby Square London EC3A 6AQ 01 588 6893/4/5				
UK Equity Inc	35 9	37 8	+0 6	4 32
Do Acc	36 8	38 8	+0 6	
Euro Tst Inc	27 3	29 1		0 16
Do Acc	27 4	29 2		
Global Gth Inc	32 6	34 7●	-0 3	0 30
Do Acc	32 6	34 7●	-0 3	
Managed Exempt	155 1	161 6		1 97
Pacific Basin	29 7	31 7	-0 1	
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrews Sq, Edinburgh 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	244 5	261 5●	+1 5	1 34
American	154 2	165 0●	+0 4	1 25
Pacific	255 0	272 8●	+2 8	0 04
European	265 6	284 1●	-0 1	0 51
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGERS 109 Vincent St Glasgow G2 5HN 041 248 6100				
UK Equity	232 4	247 3●	+4 8	1 97
Gilt & Fixed	126 9	135 1●	+0 5	7 38
UK Smlr Co s Eq	214 5	228 2●	+5 0	1 88
European	203 6	216 7●	1 7	1 27
N American	126 9	135 1●	+0 7	1 07
Pacific	229 8	244 3●	1 5	0 11
SCOTTISH UNIT MANAGERS 48 Melville St Edinburgh EH3 7HF 031 226 4372				
Pacific	87 4	93 1	+0 8	0 00
World Growth	44 4	47 2●	+0 1	0 84
N American	34 7	36 9		0 04
Income Fund	60 2	64 0●	+0 3	3 45
European	45 4	48 3	-0 1	1 29
N Amer Inc	27 6	29 5●		3 08
UK Growth	39 8	42 3●	+0 2	1 49
Extra Inc	43 2	45 9	+0 3	3 95
SENTINEL FUNDS MANAGEMENT 30 City Rd London EC1Y 2AY 01-638 6011				
Amer Tech & Gen	118 5	128 2		1 00
Pacific	255 6	272 2●	+2 6	0 00
Sec Income Fnd	226 4	241 1●	+0 5	4 54
Special Situations	321 5	342 4●		1 49
Intl Growth	53 8	57 3	+0 5	0 16
American Mnprs	72 6	77 3		1 26
Small Co s	65 1	69 3	+1 3	1 67
Japan Tech & Gen	138 1	147 1●	+1 6	0 00
International Income	65 6	69 9●	+0 9	5 83
Exempt	852 5	892 7●	+11 0	4 70
UK General	51 1	54 4c		3 83
Euro Growth	42 7	45 5	-0 3	0 00
Euro Income	56 7	60 4c		2 50
SIM UNIT MANAGEMENT Enterprise House Portsmouth 0705 827733				
O'Seas Smaller Co s Pensions & Charities	785 3	835 4		2 77
Recovery	997 7	1055 0		2 48
UK Small Co s Ex Fd	106 9	113 7	+1 4	1 42
STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3, George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 0800 393 777				
Managed Acc	29 9	31 8		1 70
Equity Growth Acc	34 5	36 7		2 21
Equity High Inc	32 9	35 0●	+0 2	3 71
Equity General Acc	36 9	39 3●	+0 1	2 22
Do Income	32 6	34 7●	+0 1	2 22
Gilt Fixed Int Inc	27 2	28 7●		8 75
North American Acc	27 7	29 5	+0 1	0 86
Far East Acc	42 7	45 4	+0 3	0 00
European Acc	27 9	29 7	-0 1	1 38
STEWART, IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031-226 3271				
American Fund	220 2	235 1	+0 5	1 01
Do Accum	248 8	265 7	+0 6	
Do Withdrawal	146 8	156 8	+0 3	
Australian Fund	188 2	200 5●	+2 5	0 40
Do Accum	191 3	203 8●	+2 5	
British Fund	841 3	898 3	+4 8	3 65
Do Accum	£11 64	12 40	+0 05	
European Fund	328 6	350 0	+1 6	0 41
Do Accum	346 7	369 3	1 0	
Saints PPP	198 0	207 9		
Japan Fund Inc	75 5	80 4	+1 0	0 20
SUN ALLIANCE Sun Alliance Hse Horsham Sussex 0403 56293				
Equity Trust Acc	525 2	555 7	+2 9	2 84
N Am Trust Acc	60 7	64 5	+0 6	0 81
Far East Trust Acc	111 0	118 0	+1 1	0 00
Worldwide Bond	48 7	52 3	-0 1	8 59
European	54 9	58 7	-0 4	1 92
Equity Inc Tst	68 6	73 3	+0 5	3 76
SUN LIFE OF CANADA 2,3,4 Cockspur Street, London SW1Y 5BH Dealing no 01-930 2602				
UK Income	34 5	36 7	+0 2	3 09
Do Growth	32 8	34 8	+0 2	1 47
Worldwide	24 1	25 6		1 46
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD Charlton Place Andover Hants, SP10 1RE 0264 56789 Dealings 0264 63432/3/4				
American Inc	124 2	132 1	+0 5	0 77
Do Accum	130 5	138 8	+0 5	0 77
Br Gth Inc	64 7	68 8●	+1 5	1 99
Do Accum	66 4	69 5●	+1 5	1 99
European Inc	57 7	61 3	-0 5	0 89
Do Accum	58 3	62 0	-0 4	0 89
Extra Income Inc	158 1	168 0	+2 7	3 92
Do Accum	189 9	202 0	+3 2	3 92
General Unit Inc	205 9	219 0	+2 4	2 28
Do Accum	342 9	364 7	+8 5	2 28
Gilt & Fixed Inc	51 1	53 2●	+0 2	8 25
Do Accum	71 2	74 1●	+0 3	8 25
Income	291 1	309 6	+3 6	3 39
Accum	461 9	491 3	+5 8	3 39
Pacific Inc	227 6	242 1	+1 6	0 01
Do Accum	235 0	250 0	-1 7	0 01
Intl Inc	371 3	395 0●	-0 4	0 88
Do Accum	463 0	492 5●	-0 5	0 88
Selected Opps Inc	87 9	93 5	+1 7	1 41
Do Accum	97 7	103 9	+1 9	1 41
Natural Res	81 3	86 4●	-0 4	1 07
Do Accum	84 7	90 1●	-0 5	1 07
TARGET TRUST MANAGERS Target House Gatehouse Rd Aylesbury Bucks (0296) 394000				
Amer Eagle	69 8	74 0	+0 3	1 11
Australian	33 4	35 4	+0 3	0 10
Commodity	110 3	118 9	1 0	0 77
Equity	169 4	180 7	+2 0	2 73
European Spec Sits	117 7	124 3	0 6	0 87
Convertible Fund	158 4	168 2●	+3 0	5 21
Financial	35 2	37 5s	+0 3	1 68
Gold Income	117 7	124 3●	1 3	0 40
Do Accum	217 6	231 1●	2 4	0 40
Income	118 3	125 7	+0 9	3 20
Japan	131 5	139 6	+1 9	0 10
Pacific Inc	137 2	145 3	+1 5	0 73
Do Reinvest	168 5	178 7	+2 0	0 73
Pref Share Fd	19 4	20 6●		8 87
UK Capital	106 5	113 2	+2 4	1 08
Special Sits	134 3	142 3	+1 9	0 44
Technology	54 0	57 1	+1 0	0 10
World Income	70 8	74 4●	+1 0	3 81
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD Park House 16 Finsbury Circus London EC2M 7DJ 01 374 4595				
Euro Opp	46 4	49 3	-0 2	1 01
Far E Gen Dist	79 8	84 9	+1 1	0 88
Do Acc	79 1	84 2	+1 0	0 88
Golden Opp Acc	82 7	88 8	+0 7	0 75
Do Dist	82 7	88 6	+0 1	0 75
Japan & Gen	55 5	59 0●	+0 4	0 83
N Amer Gen	50 0	53 2		0 98
Do Acc	49 7	52 8		0 98
Oriental Inc	27 9	29 7	+0 8	2 80
Pacific Tech Dist	59 8	63 6●	+0 8	0 00
Do Acc	59 8	63 6●	+0 8	0 00
Tiger	84 6	89 9●	+0 8	0 55
UK & Gen	69 7	74 2	+0 1	1 37
Do Acc	68 3	72 6	+0 8	1 37
3i UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 31 Homer Road Solihull West Midlands B91 3QA 01 928-3356				
Smaller Co s	75 0	79 7●	+1 2	0 00
TOUCHE REMNANT Mermaid House 2 Puddle Dock London EC4V 3AT 01 248 1250				
American Growth	44 5	47 3	+0 1	0 55
Euro Spec Sit Inc	25 1	26 6		0 48
Accum	25 1	26 6		0 48
General Growth	71 3	75 9	+0 4	1 38
Global Tech	60 0	63 8●	+0 5	0 10
Income Growth	81 2	86 5	-0 8	2 89
Income Monthly	60 4	64 3●	+0 8	5 82
Japan Growth	67 4	71 7	+1 4	0 14
Man Equity Inc	30 5	32 3		2 36
Do Accum	30 5	32 3		2 36
O'seas Growth	57 1	60 7●	+0 3	0 69
Smaller Cos	93 3	99 3●	+1 1	1 80
Special Opp	115 1	122 4	+1 6	1 54
VANGUARD TRUST 65 Holborn Viaduct EC1A 2EU General Enquiries 01 236 3053 Dealing Line 01 236 2468				
Growth Inc	239 0	254 2	+1 5	1 35
Do Accum	356 0	377 6	+2 0	1 35
High Yield	283 4	301 4	+1 7	3 82
Do Accum	294 2	312 9	+1 8	3 82
Special Sits	57 8	61 5	+0 5	1 48
Do Accum	58 8	62 5	+0 5	1 43
Trustee	176 4	187 6	+0 9	2 89
Do Accum	276 1	293 7	+0 6	2 89
Amer & Gen	63 0	67 0	+0 1	1 40
Do Accum	63 6	67 6	+0 1	1 40
Master Portfolio	273 62	75 50●	+0 26	2 27
Do Accum	274 71	76 63●	+0 26	2 27
Along Rdm Asts (5)	170 4	181 3	+7 3	1 35
Do Accum	172 3	183 3	+7 4	1 35
Far East & Gen Inc	61 0	64 8●	+0 7	0 00
Do Accum	61 0	64 8●	+0 7	0 00
Euro Fund Inc	45 8	48 7	-0 1	1 08
Do Acc	45 8	48 7	-0 1	1 08
WARDLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Wardley House 7 Devonshire Sq, London EC2 01 929 1532				
American Trust	68 5	73 2		1 40
Pacific Perform	141 3	149 8	-0 3	0 30
Intl Growth	97 3	103 0	+1 0	0 40
Income Trust	114 7	122 7●	+0 3	4 30
Japan Growth	176 0	188 3	+2 0	0 10
Small Companies	141 2	151 1	+1 8	1 90
Technology	44 7	47 8●	+0 1	0 10
Australia	62 4	66 8		1 40
UK Trust	183 7	194 4c	+1 0	1 80
European Growth	56 4	59 6	+0 2	0 10
Hong Kong	31 5	33 4●		1 40
WAVERLEY ASSET MANAGEMENT 13 Charlotte Square Edinburgh Scotland EH2 4DJ 031-225 1551				
Australian Gold	55 4	58 9	-0 6	0 18
Pacific Basin	29 5	31 3●	+0 2	1 70
Canadian Growth	62 7	66 7●	-0 1	0 00
Ginnie Mae Fund	659 2	103 4		8 10
WELLINGTON FUND MANAGERS 145 Borough High Street London SE1 1NU 01 626 6011				
Growth Fund	189 9	202 6●	+2 1	2 00
Income Fund	100 7	107 1●	+2 9	4 00
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 2 Honey La EC2 8BT 01-606 9085/6				
Sht Dtd Gilt Fund	73 5	74 7●	-0 1	6 50
US Govt Bond Fd	651 9	52 8		
Challenger	51 4	51 7		2 00
WINDSOR TRUST MANAGERS LTD Windsor House 83 Kingsway London WC2B 6SD 01-405 8331				
Conv & Equity	68 3	72 7●	+0 7	5 39
Income	61 0	66 2	+0 9	3 31
Growth	86 9	92 5	+1 3	1 27

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1987 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
16		A & M Gp	14	15		0 8e	4 1	20 7
183	160	ASD	75	185	●	11 6	6 4	7 8
66	50	ATA Selection	54	58	●+	2 1	3 8	23 1
300	139	Abbeycrest	38	148	5 +3	2 1	1 5	18 6
73	43	Aberdeen Sth Hse	65	70	2	6	2 4	27 3
75	43	Acorn Comp	58	61	+3			56 1
25		Acsis Jewellery	20	22				11 2
181	103	Airspring	163	166	+6		4 6	10 4
135	60	Amer Bus Sys	103	108	2			
95	75	Do Wrnts	70	80				
34	28	Amer Elec	30	31		1 2	3 9	19 1
441	297	Anglia Secure Hms	402	407	+2	2 2	0 5	48 5
144	112	Armer	34	138	●	4	3 0	13 9
435	310	Do Wrnts	390	410				
54	24	Arun Energy	46	48				
235	145	Ashtead	230	240	+10	4	1 7	24 2
423	318	Aspen Comms	410	420	●	5 1	1 2	25 6
182	113	Aspinall	181	183	+16	8 2	4 5	25 0
640	560	Asprey	620	650	5	13 7	2 2	18 2
41	28	Assoc Energy	35	37				
183	160	ASD	75	185	●	1 6	6 4	7 8
271	151	Atlas Equipment	268	273	●	6 7	2 5	21 3
18	8	Automagic	10	11 5		8 6	7 6	19 9
82	65	BBB Design	74			4	1 6	18 1
48	40	BCE	42	44		1 4	3 2	14 5
335	200	BPP	325	335		7	2 3	24 4
87	70	BTS Grp	83	86		5 5	6 5	10 0
145	126	Beaverco	135	140		4	3 4	11 0
148	95	Bedford (William)	25	130	3	6 2	4 8	15 3
37	22	Bennett & Fountain	36	37	+2	0	9	30 7
96	56	Bensons Crisps	93	98	+3			17 4
141	122	Berry Birch & Noble	30	132	●	5 8	4 4	14 2
152	139	Bidston&Battersea	140	145		9	7	19 8
33	15	Bio Isolates	28	30				
33	18	Biomechanics	31	33	+5			
60	37	Bipel	54	56	+1			
136	108	Blanchards	18	122	+3	6 4	5 3	11 9
310	135	Blenheim Exhib	305	315	●+25	1 7	0 5	13 0
393	293	Bluebird Toys	390	395		6 3	1 6	47 7
108	96	Bonded Laminates	95	100		3 3	3 4	21 7
83	45	Border TV	60	63		6	2 6	16 5
163	92	Borland	150	155				7 8
24	16	Brewmaker	18	20			5 8	42 2
190	103	Brkall	183	193	+8	3 0	1 6	15 3
250	143	Br Bloodstock	145	155		12 1	8 1	
91	5	Br Island	86	89	●+3	2	3 1	11 9
65	4	Broad St	64	66	+2	6	2 5	26 5
690	338	Brookmount	660	690	10	4 8	0 7	36 8
313	198	Brown (Charles)	306	316		4 8e	5	21 3
265	214	Bryant (Derek)	250	260	4	2		65 4
8	3	Bula Resources	6					
230	203	Burford	227	232	+10			
93	73	CCA Galleries	85	90	● 3	3	4 2	19
243	150	CML Micro	238	248	+5	2 5	0	24 3
74	36	CPL Comp						44 3
200	140	Caledonian Off	190	200				
65	65	Camotech	63	66		2 9	4 5	13 3
291	18	Cannon Street Inv	299	292	●	5 5	9	20 6
71	64	Cap & Regional	68					
233	215	Castle Comm	230	235	+5			
241	138	Chancery Secs	232	237		4 5	2 0	25 0
357	155	Checkpoint Europe	387	407	+2			34 8
235	148	Chelsea Man	225	235		2 2	1 0	37 8
20	12	Chem Methods	14	16		3 0	19 4	
275	218	Cheshire W	228	233		5 0	2 2	24 6
5	20	Cifer	37	38	2			
248	97	Citygrove	220	225		3 4	5	23 6
90	43	Citysnor	83	87				
16	680	Citvision	5	16				
186	96	Cocaplan	180	185	3			
193	40	Clarke Hooper	78	183		3 2	8	24 5
30		Cloudy Gold	25	27				
22	20	Cluff Oil Hdgs	19	21	+2			
165	15	Coated Electrodes	50	160		5 3	3 4	18 0
75	50	Cobra Emerald	62	72				
256	163	Coloroll	228	233		3 7	6	23 5
42	29	Colorgen Inc	31	34				
188	145	Colorgraphic	182	187		4	2 2	21 8
165	155	Comp Financial	53	58		3 2	2	26 7
45	37	Compsoft	37	42				
387	76	Consultants	382	392	●+2	2 7	0	24 4
82	40	Cons Tern Invs	78	82			8 9	53 7
210	160	Cont Microwave	70	180	●+3	3 3	9	20 5
	9	Cowells	10	12	●+2	4	3	13 8
585	63	Crampnor	540	570	+10	8 5	5	25 5
62	50	Cranbrook	53	58				14 8
10	86	Cresswick	100	105	2	6 2	6 0	8 9
105	83	Crown Lodge	102	107		3 0	2 9	16 1
235	158	Croydon Labs	185	195		5	2 7	23 2
85	5	Crown TV Prods	58	68		4 8	6	23 9
56	35	DBE Tech	32	37				32 4
58	93	D Sec Alarms	45	65		2	4	12 2
58	4	Dairor	47	52		4	2 8	8 8
236	196	Dawes (D)	232	237		4	2 0	26 3
26		Dear & Bowes		22	+2	4	3 4	19 9
31	3	De Brett Assoc	30	31		0 3e	1 0	15 4
330	1	Debtor	325	335	●	6 2	9	21 1
60	48	Dermal	57	60		2 9	4 9	
70	48	Dencora	48	53	●	3 4	2 3	18 6
35	80	Denmans Elec	28	38	+8	3	4 0	10 3
288	68	Dewey Warren	262	270				
287	28	Dialene	270	290		4	5	15 3
488	433	Drack	425	440	●	6 3	5	20 7
38	23	Dunlor	30	3		0 6	2 0	35 5
3	4	Eadie	105	10	3	4	3 8	14 5
35	109	Ealing Elec Optics	8	23	●+	3 0	2 5	15 2
28	20	Ecobric	9	20	●	0 3e	5	14 9
302	263	Edin Fund	290	310	-4	0	3	2
39		Edin Dir & Inst	3	39				95 0
412	378	Eurotype Page A	405	410		9 6	2 4	16 5
56	38	Eleston House	4	52		4 8	3 2	19
3	3	Entertainment Prod		8				6
66	55	Ewart	92	97	+2	5	2 8	19
275	250	Equity	250	260	20	6 9	2 7	21 4
65	55	Evil Construction	35	45		6 2	4 4	15 8
107	76	FII Fyffes	100	105				
350	235	FKB Grp	346	360	+10	34r	0	24 8
46	16	F & H Group	3	18	4	6 5	5 6	9 6
65	64	Fenchurch		80	+3		2 2	28
4C	6	Fergebrook	3	33				2
154	78	Fiecs Mrs	245	248				
87	160	Fotofax	78	83		1	2 3	24 8
68	57	Falcon Desmys	52	57	+2	3 4	6 2	12 8
80	44	Flextech	52	57				9 9
320	276	Flogas	288	292	+2	5 0	1	
58	40	Floyd Oil	54	58				22 5
37	28	Forward Gp	145	138	+	3 0	2 2	18 3
195	159	French Conn	157	167	●	7 2	4 4	13 2
7	5	Freshbake	167	170	+1	2 7	1 6	28 9
402	340	Fuller Smith A	395	405	+3	6 0	1 5	20 8
55	72	Gabbicci	145	150	●+2	4 3	2 9	17 4
92	75	Gee (Cecil)	84	88	●	1 4	1 6	
66	42	Gee Rosen	57	62	+4	2 3	3 8	18 2
25	93	Gibbon Lyons	15	120	+2	5 5b	4 7	20 3
247	30	Gibbs Mew	213	223		5 5	2 5	23 9
16	79	Gilbert House	103	108				
98	47	Global Gp	83	88	+1	4 1	4 8	13 5
34	105	Godwin Warren	17	122		3 0	2 5	17 1
220	50	Goodhead Print	208	218	2	4 5	2 1	23 8
190	95	Gould (Laurence)	185	195	●+7	5 2	2 7	17 8
96	66	Granyte Surface	88	93	2	2 9	3 2	15 9
305	152	Great Southern	295	305	●	7 1	2 4	24 4
210	160	Green (Ernest)	205	215		4 7	2 2	20
3	48	Greenwich Cable	58	63	2			
330	160	Guernsey Atlantic	300	320				95 4
234	106	Halls Homes	230	235	+2	3 8	1 6	35 6
3	80	Hampden Homecare	88	93	●	2 2	2 4	13 2
38	24	Harmony Leisure	35	37	●	0 1	0 3	29 0
385	293	Harvey & Thomp	360	370	+	9 3	2 5	24 7
282	250	Havelock Europa	280	293	+	6	2 4	26 4
	15	Hawtin Leisure	37	38	+3			
3	45	Health Care	60	52		1 0	1 6	24 2
500	420	Heavitree	495	505		15 1	3 0	16 0
470	365	Do A V	465	475		15 1	3 2	15 1
92	80	Hewetson	84	87		3 7	4 3	15 4
265	55	High Point	250	270	+15	2 4	0 9	39 4
103	67	Highland Part	84	87	+2			
80	56	Hale Eurocars	82	87		9	2 9	10 4
90	48	Hobson	88	90	+4			
296	168	Hodgson	287	292	●	2 9	1 0	46 2
185	145	Holden Hydroman	165	175		4 5	2 6	21 8
94	32	Holmes Protector			●			
37	25	Honeysuckle Gp	130	135	+2	5 6	4 2	12 9
32	92	Horrov	13	18	+2	4	3 8	
46	3	Hughes Food	144	146	+5	0 7	0 5	
46	12	Humbrol Elec	42	47	+2			45 0
287	70	Hunter Saphir	282	287	+19	3 7	1 3	37 2
55	103	Huntleigh Tech	125	135	●	1 4	1	63 4
80	2	ISTEM	108	18	●	3 4	3 0	9 4
25	90	Image Storage	90	100				
32	18	Infec	22	25				3 0
83	53	Infrared	53	58	●			
303	248	Interurope Tech	290	305		8 2	2 8	14 9
	207	Intemns Express	370	380	5	4 8	1 3	34 1
33	19	Israel Jack	32	33	+5	0 7b	2 2	25 2
530	430	JS Pathology	467	477	+2	3 9	0 8	43 2
388	20	Jaques Ver	380	390	●	9 6	2 5	17 8
18	3	Jetsers	12	14				0 4
280	18	Johnsen & Jorg	275	285	●+6	6	2 4	23 8
258	53	Johnson Fry	245	270	+15	2	2 8	25 6
		Johnstones Paints	128	138		6 5	4 9	10 3
43	37	JSB Elec	140	145		3 7	2 2	4
105	75	Just Rubber	87	92		2 5	2 5	14 9
470	358	K P	465	475	+3	5 5	1 3	18 8
10		Kent Jorn						
380	335	Kenyon Secs	370	380	3	15 1	4 0	18
3	43	Kewill Systems	68			6	2 3	10 4
5	55	Klark Teknik	57	62		7	2	15 3
95	85	LPA Inc	88	93	+1	4 1	5 9	11 6
166	83	Ladbar	163	168	●+12	5 5	3 3	16 9
8	106	Ladkin Thomson	157	162		5 8	3 6	15 3
8	10	Lewmar	17	20		3 5	2 7	15 9
690	315	Local Lon Gp	665	675	+5	4 8	0 7	36
86	10	Lodge Care	165	170	●	5 5	3 3	27
4	10	Lon & Clydeside	135	140		5		11 9
240	165	Lyon Elect	200	210	+5	4 1b	2 0	14 9
3	26	Lysander Pet	42	45	●			
28	100	M6 Cash & Carry	101	106	● 1	4 9	4	9 3
490	310	MMT Comp	485	495	+7	7 5	1 5	32
200	20	McLaughlin & Har	160	70	● 3	9 6	5 8	10 2
105	68	Magnetic Materials	97	102	●+4	3 8	3 8	14 0
95	28	Mammot	167	72	+10	1 4	0 8	53 3
26	20	March Gp	18	21		5 8	4 8	11 9
28	80	Marina Dev	105	110	+5	4 3	4 0	10 4
25	5	Martel (Ronald)	210	220	●+3	5 5	2 6	18
23	16	Maxpoint	18	21				
46	104	Maybom	142	147	+4	4 4	3 0	14 5
228	103	Mayfair City	220	235		4 1	1 8	48 3
180	92	Mega Tech	161	165		3 8	2 3	12 5
105	68	Meleeware		97	6	4 3	5 4	18 8
37	19	Memory Comp	29	31		2 3 2		5 0
54	32	Memcom Intl Hdgs	42	46				2 9
203	180	Mercer Swan	185	190		3 7	2 0	20 0
436	370	Merrycown Wine	430	437		7 5	1 7	26 4
48	18	Metal Bulletin	128	143	+10	6 6	4	15 6
85	6	Metsec	91	95	●	3 6	3 9	16 2
98	68	Michael John	92	97		1 8	1 9	23
50	38	Microlease	145	150		5 5	3 7	12
286	91	Micro Systems	282	287	+2	3 1	1 1	20 4
52	29	Microvitec	44	47				
493	85	Miller & Santhouse	460	485	●+10	3 1	0 7	68 4
85	48	Mitcham Brown	75	185	+2	3 1	1 7	39 2
2	3	Mass Wotte	200	210	+2	8 2	4 0	10 2
230	108	Mayes	2 6	225	5	2	2	29 8
		Miremos						
20	103	Moorgate Gp	188	193	●+	2 5	1 3	26 2
42	106	Monks & Crane	140	144	+5	3 7	2 6	8
223	29	Monotype	220	225	●+	6 3	2 8	3 8
24	15	Morris Wilkins	2	22				8 6
226	73	Mustcom	185	195	●	4 1	2 2	25 9
475	214	MWW Comm	467	477	●+12	10 3	2 2	22 9
12		New England Props	40	45	+3			
290		Do 10	230	250		0	4 4	
	69	Newage Trans	108	13	+9	4 8	4 3	23
5	8	Newsid	12	14				
266	27	Norank	245	248	●	5 5	2 2	18 2
93	58	Nortam	78	83	+	0	2	8 8
58	33	Nth Sea & Gen	53	58				3
50	3	Northumbrian Fine	28	30	+2	2 3	9	32 8
70	36	Oxford Instrec	35	38	2			4 2
23	18	Optometrics	18	23				
23	18	Orchid Tech	15	20				
336	29	Osborne & Little	325	332		4 5	4	31 5
6		PC	45	185	5	4 4	2 8	18
205	182	Pacer Systems	185	195	●			
246	45	Pacific Sales	241	251	+1	4 1	1 7	58 9
196	133	Pantherella	185	200		2 1	1 1	17 4
326	190	Parkfield Gp	323	325	1	2 7	0 8	44 3
78	46	Paul M Lees	75	79				33 9
33	25	Pawon	28	29				5 2
266	145	Pape Group	248	253		4 5	1 8	24 2
156	118	Pencom	128	133		3 4	2 6	9 0
48	37	Penfolds (J)	43	48	●	2 5	5 4	23 7
188	131	Personal Computer	185	190	+5	4 1	2 2	19 2
160	110	Peters (Michael)	148	153	●	3 8	2 5	25 6
30	20	Petrogen	19	22	1			
90	35	Piccadilly Radio	87	92	+2	2 7	3 0	25 5
45	34	Pict Pet	38	39				5 2
104	84	Pineapple	101	105	+1			
93	68	Plasmec	82	85	●	2 9	3 5	9 8
211	170	Platon	203	208		4 3	2 1	14 9
174	115	Plum Hldgs	157	162	● 1	4 1	2 6	21 9
175	105	Polytech Marine	133	138	2			
170	97	Powerline	112	117		3 1	2 7	13 3
152	134	Prism Leisure	140	144	+8	5 8	4 1	13 4
98	75	Pronistore	83	88		3 4	4 0	9 9
6	2	Property Trust	4	5				
3	125	Quarto	170	175	●+5	4 5	2 6	19 2
247	195	Questel	215	230		6 5	3 0	13 3
90	65	RKF	87	90	+1	3 0	3 4	12 7
150	98	Radamec	138	143	● 2	1 8	1 3	19 7
126	44	Radio City A	123	128				24 6
121	54	Radio Clyde	95	100	+5	4 8	4 9	17 3
193	108	Radius	185	190		4 1	2 2	20 0
33	20	Ramco Oil	25	28				6 6
3	108	Ramus	162	167		8 1	4 9	14 3
200	81	Randsworth	192	195	+12	0 3	0 2	
108	63	Real Time Control	103	108		2 7	2 5	30 5
46	33	Regina Health	40	42	2	0 4	1 0	35 3
5	168	Reliance Sec	172	177	+2	6 2	3 5	15 8
41	20	Reliant Motor	33	35	+2			29 1
74	113	Revlin	148	153	● 2	0 6	0 4	50 8
123	63	Rockwood	108	113				86 0
19	108	Rolfe & Nolan	112	115		2 7	2 4	49 1
138	98	Rotunda	133	138	+5	3 7	2 0	14 5
132	100	Ryman	127	130	+1	2 1	1 6	18 7
272	150	SAC	267	272	●	3 2	1 2	33 3
150	140	Sanders Sydney	137	147		5 8	4 1	16 6
31	82	Sangers Photo	122	127	6	3 1	2 5	36 1
31	25	Sapphire Pet	27	30	1			7 9
355	32	Savage	345	365	●+17	2 7	0 8	45 2
126	32	Scamo	100	104	+2	3 4	3 3	14 2
257	147	Scot Heritable	246	248	●	5 7	2 3	20 7
190	133	Securiguard	182	187		5 0	2 7	34 2
233	163	Select App	223	228	2	3 4	1 5	31 8
19	14	SelecTV	16	18				
295	210	Share Drug Strs	270	280	●	3 7	1 3	24
83	70	Sheldon Jones	68	73		6 6	9 1	8 3
358	245	Sherwood Comp	350	365	●+5	5 4	1 5	20 3
380	148	Shield	350	360	+13	2 9	0 8	59 2
83	55	Sigmex	62	67	+1	0 8	1 2	22 8
140	103	Sims Catering	127	137	+2	5 7	4 3	16 2
320	210	Sinclair (William)	312	322	5	9 0	2 8	26 6
246	193	Smallbone	240	250		5 1	2 1	22 9
6	39	Soundtracks	55	60		1 7	2 9	15 8
257	76	Sino Bus	235	243		5 0	2	10 6
2	12	SW Resources	19	21				8 1
360	205	Sock Shop	252	262		1 9	0 7	49 7
103	80	Space Planning	82	87		2 6	3 3	15 2
290	238	Spandex	280	290		4 3	5	35 6
40	20	Spectrum	36	40				4 2
186	161	Spice	156	161	+	4 0	2 5	15 2
66	46	Splash	55	60		4	8 1	40 8
226	76	Stainless Metal	198	203		6 4	3 2	14 8
96	85	Sterling Pub	92	95		2 9b	3	20 9
46	39	Stirling Elect	38	39		0 5	3	23 6
90	61	Sutherland (E)	75	79	●	4 8	6 2	24 3
35	00	Swindon Pr Hosp	10	156	+5			39 6
350	215	Synapse Comp	345	355	+5	3	0 9	38 2
325	163	T & S Stores	168	178	5	2 4	4	24 5
160	18	TDS Circuits	120	125	3			5 3
166	15	TMD Advert	155	160	3	2 9	8	21 1
140	91	TSB Chan Islands	137	138		4 9	36	7
484	210	TV AM	345	348	● 3	6	2 2	13 2
248	106	Task Force	230	245		2 5	1	32 6
438	52	Tay Homes	401	41	+4	7 5	8	11
147	8	Tech For Bus	138	145	●+5	5 4		10 6
463	258	Tech Comp	465	470		5	2	30 7
27	50	Telecomputing	212	222		2 1	0	18 9
88	60	Tel Serv Intl	72	75				
275	273	Therm Scientific	265	270	+2	3 1	2	23 8
75	148	Thornfor GW	165	70		3	4 2	24 2
9	63	Thorpac	65	70	2	5	3 0	14 2
65	44	Torsley (Eliza)	57	62		2	8	30 4
225	50	Tod (W&J)	220	228		5 0	6 8	11 6
46	33	Towngrade Sec	30	35		2 2	16 2	
305	193	Trade Promotion	295	305	+3	6 4	2	53 2
307	235	Trenchenwood	300	310	5	4 4	4	28 2
145	80	Triton	120	125	10	6	3	20 8
298	2	UTC Group	286	291	4		4	27 4
	103	Utd Ceramic	10	120	● 2	5	5 0	3 5
663	560	Utd Energy	665	670	+25	28 8	4 3	
55		Utd Packaging	135	145		5 0	3 6	10 6
164	108	Ustar (Frank)	156	160	● 2	9	5 0	10
103	66	Wayne Kerr	81	84	●-	2 4	3 9	29 6
29	9	Webac	23	25		0 5	2 0	15 7
67	49	Wentworth	58			2 4	4 0	16 7
18	98	West Yorkshire	107	2	●			14 9
225	66	Whitney Mackay	215	225	+5	5	2 6	18 7
385	88	Wickes	350	380	●	3 6	0	28
23	9	Wiltshire Syst		18				81 8
8	8	William Res Hldgs	21	22	●	3	5 4	14 3
	40	Wind	40				2 0	4 9
96	70	Wood John D & Co	3			1 6	2 0	19 6
56	80	Woollers Better	30	37	+3	5 3	4 0	20 6
6	5	Worcester	605	645	●+5	10 3	6	9
45	3	Wr of Leather	35	40		4 3	3	3 9
		Wyeale	222	223	-9			
7		Wyke	0	7		3	5 2	10 8
69	33	Yellowhammer	167			2 3	3	25 0
42	30	Yeovelor	34	37				13 9
68	26	York Mount	67			2 4	3 4	32 4
89	52	Young Tst Gp	8	8				
00	98	Do B	105			600	8 0	
		Zygal Dynamics	103	108	-8	0	0	14 5

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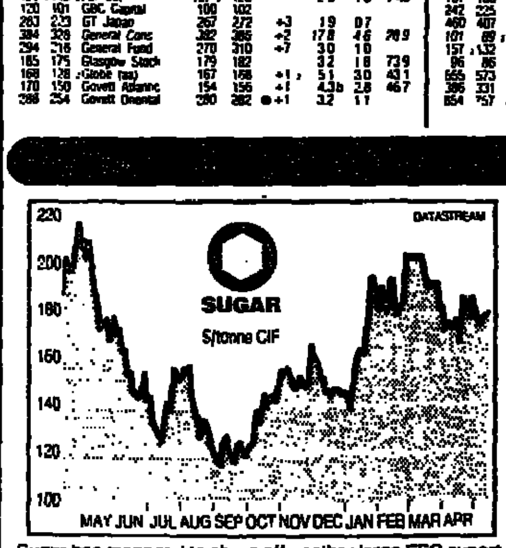
1987 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
164	129	Aitsa	163	165	+1	3 4b	2 1	32 0
10	865	Alliance	930	935	+2	34 3	3 7	36 2
158	139	Amer Trust	144	145	●	4 5	3 1	31 3
486	377	Ang Amer Sec	476	480		9 6	2 0	58 9
472	110	Atlantic Assets	119	120		0 8	0 7	91 2
83	68	Bankers	82	84	●+1	2 0	2 4	59 3
300	267	Berry	296	300	1	1 5	0 5	
77	64	Br Assets	75	75	●+	3 2b	4 3	34 4
46	38	Br Empire Sec	45	47	●	0 8	1 7	
558	478	Br Inv	543	548		23 3	4 3	31 6
126	105	Brunner	125	126		3 4	2 7	51 4
853	785	Cont & Ind	835	850		30 1	3 6	19 7
159	116	Crescent Japan	157	159	5 +1	0 2	0 1	
168	143	Derby Inc	166	169		12 5	7 4	18 4
201	172	Do Cap	191	196	+1			
488	375	Drayton Cons	465	470	●+12	15 1	3 2	43 4
229	203	Drayton Far East	226	229	+1	1 6	0 7	
794	663	Drayton Japan	773	778	+1	1 4	0 2	
285	224	Dundee Lon	283	286		8 2	2 9	46 8
127	109	Edin Amer Asset	116	117	+1	0 9	0 8	
188	154	Edinburgh	180	181	●+	5 1	2 8	46 3
518	432	Electric Gen	507	512	+2	6 5	1 3	85 4
225	175	English Intl	223	226	+2	5 3	2 4	82 8
124	107	English Scot	120	124	+4	2 1	1 7	75 8
82	74	Ensign	80	82	●	1 2	1 5	79 4
156	132	F & C Alliance	154	157	+2	2 6	1 7	82 1
268	228	F & C Pacific	256	258	●	2 7	1 1	
16	12	Fest Charlotte	14	15	●	0 1	0 7	
436	342	First Scot Amer	433	438	+6	16 4	3 8	35 2
156	134	Fleming American	140	141	5	2 2	1 6	
252	203	Fleming Claver	248	252	+4	7 7	3 1	43 6
450	330	Fleming Enterprise	447	452	+4	12 3	2 7	50 5
164	150	Fleming Far East	162	164	●+	1 1	0 7	
203	145	Fleming Fledgling	201	204	+2	3 5	1 7	79 0
417	147	Fleming Japan	164	165		1 0	0 6	76 9
196	174	Fleming Mercantile	190	193	+1	5 1	2 7	51 1
186	165	Fleming Overseas	174	176	+1	2 9b	1 7	88 6
191	166	Fleming Tech	188	191	+2	0 9	0 5	
171	132	Fleming Universal	157	161	+2	2 1	1 3	
128	113	For Col	127	128		2 3	1 8	74 3
120	101	GBC Capital	100	102				
283	233	GT Japan	267	272	+3	1 9	0 7	
384	328	General Cons	382	385	+2	17 8	4 6	76 9
294	218	General Fund	270	310	+7	3 0	1 0	
185	175	Glasgow Stock	179	182		3 2	1 8	73 9
168	128	Globe	167	168	+1	5 1	3 0	43 1
170	150	Govett Atlantic	154	156	+1	4 3b	2 8	46 7
288	254	Govett Oriental	280	282	●+1	3 2	1 1	
332	269	Govett Strategy	325	333	+3	5 2	1 6	82 5
451	316	Greenfriar	415	422		2 7	0 6	
450	300	Gresham House	430	450		6 1	1 8	47 3
249	220	Hambros	242	241		6 2	2 6	53 6
108	89	India Fund	105	110				
205	166	Invest in Success	193	203	5	1 7	0 9	
363	259	Inv Cap	360	365	●+8	17 3b	4 8	33 9
186	156	Ivory & Sime	167	172		6 9	4 1	23 3
89	83	Japan Assets	66	67		0 7	1 1	
130	112	Kleinwort Charter	129	131	+	3 6	2 8	49 6
165	150	Kleinwort O'seas	152	154		3 4	2 2	61 9
493	283	Kleinwort Smaller	485	495	●+2	12 6	2 6	51 5
323	281	Law Debenture	321	324	+6	10 3	3 2	33 8
93	63	Lon Merchant Sec	92	94		3 8	3 9	18 8
75	60	Lon Trust	73	75	1	1 0	1 4	81 3
164	134	Merchants	164	165	●+3	6 2	3 6	35 6
30	21	Memb Lynch	21					
254	236	Menks	253	255	+1	3 6b	1 4	95 8
201	167	Murray Income	199	202	+1	8 2b	4 1	37 3
195	178	Murray Intl	191	192	+1	7 2	3 8	38 7
201	189	Murray Small	199	202	5 +1	2 0b	1 0	
253	225	Murray Venture	251	255	●+1	6 9b	2 7	57 6
576	495	New Court	573	578	●+1	21 9	3 8	33 9
72	64	New Darien Oil	71	73	●+1	1 0	1 4	80 9
81	62	Northing Inc 83	80	81		4 6b	5 7	22 9
133	118	New Tokyo	122	133	5 +	0 1	0 1	
402	375	Nth Atlantic Sec	381	386	●	4 7	1 2	
39	32	Nth Sea Assets	35	37				10 7
451	416	Nthn Amer	426	429		7 4	1 7	
145	116	Pacific Assets	143	146		1 1	0 8	
97	53	Do Wrnts	87	91				
56	41	Personal Assets	56	56		0 5	0 9	
503	448	Raeburn	500	505	+2	18 5	3 7	40 5
234	194	River & Merc	229	232	2	9 6b	4 2	38 2
342	294	River Plate	339	344	+1	12 3	3 6	37 0
313	295	Robeco	302		+2			
281	260	Rolinco	281		+1			
423	338	Romney	420	425	+3	6 9	1 6	
16	15	Rorento	1017					
187	160	St Andrew Inv Tst	185	188		4 8	2 5	53 0
242	225	Schroder Global	240	244	+2	6 1	2 5	52 6
460	407	Scottish	447	450	+7	9 4	2 1	68 5
101	89	Scot American	100	102	+	2 9b	2 9	57 7
157	132	Scot Eastern	158	158		3 1	2 0	71 4
96	86	Scot Merc A	91	94		6 4	6 9	18 0
665	573	Scot Mige	643	647	●+2	14 3	2 2	82 9
386	331	Scot Nat	383	388	+6	7 8	2 0	84 8
854	757	Second Alliance	828	833	+2	27 9	3 4	41 0
114	97	Secs Tst of Scotland	113	114	●+1	4 3	3 8	36 8
113	74	Smaller Cos	112	114	+1	1 4b	1 2	78 7
268	207	Steel Bunzl	260	265	● 2	12 9	4 9	13 5
135	114	TR Australia	129	131	● 2	3 2	2 5	51 8
82	64	TR City Of Lon Dfd	80	81	●+	3 0b	3 7	37 6
186	112	TR Ind & Gen	134	135		2 8b	2 1	68 4
171	141	TR Natural Res	168	172		5 9	3 5	38 5
112	97	TR North America	100	102	+1	2 5b	2 5	51 3
216	204	TR Pacific Basin	213	214	●+	1 4	0 7	
103	73	TR Property	102	104	+2	1 9	1 8	68 7
140	118	TR Tech	134	138	+	2 5	1 8	63 7
125	94	TR Trustees	123	126	+2	3 1	2 5	55 6
238	188	Temple Bar	233	236	1	8 9	3 8	34 3
443	385	Throgmorton	440	445	+12	13 7	3 1	47 8
351	275	Throg Dual	345	350				
186	165	Tribune	183	186		4 8	2 6	43 5
93	85	Triplevest Inc	90	91	+	18 5	20 3	7 0
384	247	US Debenture	379	384	+1	9 3	2 4	50 5
55	42	Value Inc Tst	54	56	+1	1 8	3 3	
55	43	Viking Resources	54	55	●+1	2 7	4 9	30 6
85	62	Westpool	82	84		2 3	2 8	48 9
140	119	Witan	139	140	+	2 6b	1 9	79 5

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1987 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
50	19	American Express	19		●			
198	90	Argyle	72			2	5	92 4
65	29	Boustead	60	62	●	0	0 2	70 1
182	149	Bahamas Arrow	168	169	●	6 9	4 1	14 8
36	18	Daily Mail	34	35		82 2	2 3	21 1
35	23	Do A	33	35		82 2	2 4	20 5
191	159	Electra	190	192	+	5 6	2 9	44 1
179	91	Eng Trust		180		4	2 3	19 6
305	267	Exco	300	480	+5	5 8		22 5
153	88	Exploration	150	155		3 2	2	20 1
943	780	Framlington	915	930	+5	15	6	24 1
200	128	Frost Gp	197	202	+2	7 2	3 6	18 7
243	183	GT Management	233	238		6 8	2 8	18 9
201	173	Goode Durrant	188	193	+	3 4	8	27 1
13	963	Henderson Admin	13	3		21 2	6	26 9
230	189	ICH	210	213		12 3	5 8	9 4
550	427	MAI	548	552	+8	26 7	4 9	11 6
300	355	M & G	293	296	+3	7 2	2 4	21 7
485	297	Mercantile House	367	370	6	18 2	5 2	7 0
192	148	Smith New Court	189	192		10 0	5 2	8 4

COMMODITIES



Sugar has managed to shrug off another large EEC export tender due to aggressive trade buying and rumours of Chinese offtake. The European weather is becoming a supporting factor due to the late start to USSR sugar beet sowings. Comment by GNI

INTERNATIONAL PETROLEUM EXCHANGE
Supplied via Commodity Market Services Ltd

HEAVY FUEL OIL

Jun	103-107 0
Jul	101 103 5
Vol	0

GAS OIL

Jun	155 00-54 50
Jul	154 00-53 75
Aug	154 75-54 50
Sep	156 75-56 25
Oct	158 50-57 50
Nov	159 50-58 50
Dec	163 00-57 00
Jan	163 00-57 00
Feb	163 00-57 00
Vol	2634

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE
G W Joynson and Co report

SUGAR (From C. Czarnikow)

FOB	
Aug	162 8-62 6
Oct	168 6-68 4
Dec	171 8-71 4
Mar	176 6-76 2
May	180 0-79 4
Aug	183 6-83 0
Vol	3582

COCOA

May	1263-60
Jul	1287-85
Sep	1302-01
Dec	1329-27
Mar	1357-55
May	1377 73
Jul	1397-92
Vol	2971

COFFEE

May	1337 330
Jul	1382-360
Sep	1377-375
Nov	1393-392
Jan	1415-409
Mar	1428-427
May	1470-450
Vol	2248

SOYABEAN

Jun	128 0-26 5
Aug	125 6-25 0
Oct	126 6-26 0
Dec	127 5-27 0
Feb	131 0-30 0
Apr	132 0-30 0
Jun	133 0-28 0
Vol	408

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Unofficial prices
Official Turnover figures
Price in £ per metric tonne
Silver in pence per troy ounce
Rudolf Wolf & Co. Ltd. report

COPPER GRADE A

Cash	905 00-906 00
Three Months	884 00-885 00
Vol	6500
Tone	Barely Steady

STANDARD CATHODES

Cash	855 00-860 00
Three Months	850 00-855 00
Vol	Nil
Tone	Idle

LEAD

Cash	424 00-425 00
Three Months	367 00-367 50
Vol	1525
Tone	Steadier

ZINC HIGH GRADE

Cash	503 00-504 00
Three Months	502 00-503 00
Vol	1400
Tone	Steadier

SILVER LARGE

Cash	520 00-523 00
Three Months	531 00-534 00
Vol	Nil
Tone	Idle

SILVER SMALL

Cash	520 00-523 00
Three Months	531 00-534 00
Vol	Nil
Tone	Idle

ALUMINIUM

Cash	866 00-867 00
Three Months	865 00-866 00
Vol	1700
Tone	Steady/Firmer

NICKEL

Cash	2805-2815
Three Months	2795-2800
Vol	150
Tone	Barely Steady

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on May 14

GB: Cattle 99 64p per kg lw (+1 94)
GB: Sheep 269 04p per kg est d c w (+5 75)
GB: Pigs 82 75p per kg lw (+5 85)
* est dead carcase weight

England and Wales:
Cattle nos down 2 2 % ave price 99 89p (+2 14)
Sheep nos up 1 9 % ave price 272 65p(+6 35)
Pig nos up 29 9 % ave price 82 99p (+5 97)

Scotland:
Cattle nos up 36 0 % ave price 98 95p (+1 47)
Sheep nos up 63 4 % ave price 249 60p(+12 25)
Pig nos up 11 8 % ave price 76 33p (+2 15)

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig Contract p. per kilo

Month	Open	Close
Jun	96 00	96 00
Aug	95 50	95 50
Oct	100 50	100 50
Nov	101 50	101 50
		Vol 0

Pig Meat vol: 0

Live Cattle Contract
p. per kilo

Month	Open	Close
Jun	98 50	98 50
Aug	95 00	95 00
Oct	94 50	94 50
Nov	unq	unq
		Vol 0

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES
£ per tonne

Month	Wheat Close	Barley Close
May	120 90	106 50
Jul	122 20	unq
Sep	101 55	97 55
Nov	103 55	100 00
Jan	106 20	102 40
Mar	108 60	104 85
Vol Wheat		180
Barley		61

LONDON POTATO FUTURES
£ per tonne

Month	Open	Close
Nov	90 50	91 50
Feb	99 50	100 50
Apr	128 40	124 00
May	136 50	137 00
		Vol 359

BIFFEX
G.N.I. Freight Futures Ltd Dry Cargo Report ($10 per point)

	High/Low	Close
Jul 87	1090-1045	1051 0
Oct 87	1075-1050	1044 0
Jan 88		1039 0
Apr 88		1045 0

Vol 526 lots Open intel 2742
Spot market commentary
Dry cargo index
1102 0 up 14 5 on 13/5/87

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Deputy chairman is named at RHM

APPOINTMENTS

Ranks Hovis McDougall: Mr **SG Metcalfe** becomes deputy chairman and continues as managing director and Mr **TS Howden** becomes assistant managing director.

Greenwell Montagu Stockbrokers: Mr **Graham Cloake**, Mr **Derek Long**, Mr **Nathan Moss** and Mr **Roy Whithear** become directors.

Cronite Group: Mr **Norman Gardner** joins the board.

Merston Peters: Mr **Michael Peters** becomes managing director.

Leeds & Holbeck Building Society: Mr **TG Turnbull** has been made president and **Lord Marshall of Leeds** vice-president.

Pergamon-BPCC Publishing Corporation: Mr **Ron Chilton** becomes a non-executive director.

F Copson: Mr **Bryan Oxby** and Mr **David Kingstone** are made joint managing directors.

Berkeley Group: Mr **Peter Francis** and Mr **Graham Roper** have been appointed to the main board.

Ciba-Geigy: Mr **John Fraser** becomes chief executive (UK) and chairman of The Clayton Aniline Company, Ciba-Geigy Chemicals and Gretag-CX.

Noble Lowndes: Mr **Ben Carroll** is appointed managing director of Noble Lowndes International and joins the board of Bansander Noble Lowndes.

Town & Country Building Society: Mr **Ian Bell** is made managing director.

Stewart Wrightson: Mr **Edward Benfield** becomes chairman of Golding Stewart Wrightson Marine and joins the main board.

Phillips & Drew: Mr **SG Belleini**, Mr **SD Corker**, Mr **AWB Davies**, Mr **PHC De Bray**, Mr **GJ Ellacombe**, Mr **CG Gooding**, Mr **AW Goodwin**, Mr **RF Green**, Mr **RI Hannah**, Mr **DHS Hobbs**, Mr **DH Mackinnon**, Mr **PR Robson**, Mr **DJ Sheath**, Mr **SE Thornton**, Mr **AE Whittingham** and Mr **P Richardson** join the board.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
May 5	May 15	August 6	August 17

Call options were taken out on: 14/5/87 Control Secs., Sound Diffusion, Apricot Computers, Sheraton Securities, Ossory Estates, Property Trust, Sears, Johnson Firth Brown, Rank Hovis, Bndon, Aran Energy, Blacks Leisure, Berkeley & Hay Hill.
Put: Acorn Securities.
Put & Call: IBL.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Three Month Sterling	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Jun 87	91.39	91.40	91.32	91.37	2544
Sep 87	91.58	91.59	91.55	91.57	791
Dec 87	91.40	91.44	91.37	91.41	395
Mar 88	91.24	91.28	91.23	91.25	88
Jun 88	91.12	91.14	91.10	91.10	47
Sep 88	90.95	90.95	90.95	90.97	6
Dec 88	NT	—	—	90.82	0
Mar 89	90.70	90.70	90.70	90.68	6
		Previous day's total open interest 27070			
Three Month Eurodollar					
Jun 87	92.65	92.67	92.61	92.65	1931
Sep 87	92.11	92.14	92.05	92.09	5108
Dec 87	91.85	91.87	91.82	91.83	337
Mar 88	91.69	91.69	91.64	91.66	80
Jun 88	91.49	91.55	91.49	91.51	12
Sep 88	91.33	91.39	91.33	91.37	12
Dec 88	NT	—	—	91.23	0
Mar 89	NT	—	—	91.09	0
		Previous day's total open interest 30515			
US Treasury Bond					
Jun 87	91-08	91-19	90-23	90-31	7734
Sep 87	90-10	90-16	90-02	90-02	36
		Previous day's total open interest 5751.			
Short Gilt					
Jun 87	NT	—	—	—	
Sep 87	NT	—	—	—	
Dec 87	NT	—	—	—	
		Previous day's total open interest 0			
Long Gilt					
Jun 87	127-03	127-17	126-28	127-01	27332
Sep 87	127-00	127-08	126-29	126-28	27
Dec 87	NT	—	—	126-17	0
		Previous day's total open interest 30924			
FT-SE 100					
Jun 87	219.00	220.20	218.00	219.30	905
Sep 87	222.45	222.50	222.45	222.80	13
		Previous day's total open interest 5053			

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range May 14	Market rates close May 14	1 month	3 months
N York	1.6680-1.6785	1.6775-1.6785	0.27-0.24prem	0.63-0.58prem
Montreal	2.2326-2.2484	2.2453-2.2484	0.24-0.15prem	0.34-0.23prem
Ams'dam	3.3735-3.3813	3.3768-3.3813	1⅛-⅞prem	3⅛-2⅞prem
Brussels	62.05-62.27	62.15-62.27	14-7prem	29-18prem
C'phgen	11.2548-11.2879	11.2644-11.2879	1⅜-2dis	4⅞-5⅜dis
Dublin	1.1188-1.1221	1.1205-1.1215	23-31dis	53-66dis
Frankfurt	2.9928-2.9995	2.9959-2.9995	¾-½prem	1¾-1⅝prem
Lisbon	231.85-234.15	233.17-234.15	94-150dis	336-428dis
Madrid	2.0975-2.1029	2.0994-2.1029	150-240dis	420-535dis
Milan	2164.59-2176.82	2170.49-2176.82	1-3dis	5-10dis
Oslo	11.1381-11.1855	11.1621-11.1855	5-5¾dis	16-16⅞dis
Paris	9.9913-10.0152	10.0009-10.0152	¾-½prem	1⅝-1⅜prem
St'khlm	10.4567-10.5038	10.4858-10.5038	½-⅝dis	2½-3⅛dis
Tokyo	233.33-234.22	233.83-234.22	1⅝-⅞prem	3-2⅞prem
Vienna	21.05-21.12	21.09-21.12	8⅝-7⅝ prem	24⅞-21⅞ prem
Zurich	2.4607-2.4659	2.4608-2.4648	1⅛-1prem	3⅛-2⅞prem

Sterling index compared with 1975 was up at 73.7 (day's range 73.6-73.7).

OTHER STERLING RATES		DOLLAR SPOT RATES	
Argentina austral*	2.4680-2.6600	Ireland	1.4950-1.4970
Australia dollar	2.3499-2.3530	Singapore	2.1200-2.1210
Bahrain dinar	0.6276-0.6316	Malaysia	2.4690-2.4700
Brazil cruzado*	49.97-50.25	Australia	0.7125-0.7130
Cyprus pound	0.7820-0.7920	Canada	1.3376-1.3381
Finland marka	7.2745-7.3045	Sweden	6.2525-6.2575
Greece drachma	221.95-223.95	Norway	6.6550-6.6600
Hong Kong dollar	13.0747-13.0843	Denmark	6.7250-6.7300
India rupee	21.07-21.27	West Germany	1.7880-1.7890
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4533-0.4573	Switzerland	1.4690-1.4700
Malaysia dollar	4.1368-4.1410	Netherlands	2.0140-2.0150
Mexico peso	2020.0-2070.0	France	5.9630-5.9680
New Zealand dollar	2.8937-2.9006	Japan	139.55-139.65
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.2444-6.2844	Italy	1294.5-1295.5
Singapore dollar	3.5520-3.5559	Belgium(Comm)	37.04-37.09
S Africa rand (fin)	5.4112-5.4433	Hong Kong	7.8035-7.8045
S Africa rand (com)	3.3543-3.3631	Portugal	133.35-133.85
U A E dirham	6.1150-6.1550	Spain	125.07-125.17
*Lloyds Bank		Austria	12.55-12.57

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

ALPHA STOCKS

Company	Volume '000	Company	Volume '000	Company	Volume '000
Allied-Lyons	3,100	English China	2,600	Rank Org	9
Amstrad	1,700	Fisons	1,800	Rank Hovis	876
Argyll	4,300	Gen Accident	926	Redland	1,000
ASDA-MFI	3,400	GEC	26,000	Reckitt Colman	225
Ass Br Foods	1,400	Glaxo	2,300	Reed Int	684
BET	3,200	Globe IT	1,700	Reuters	257
BTR	3,100	Granada	3,600	RMC Group	237
BAT	2,000	Grand Met	9,500	RTZ	819
Barclays	1,400	GUS 'A'	265	Rowntree	967
Bass	2,400	GRE	439	Royal B of Scot	804
Beecham	1,900	GKN	3,700	Royal Ins	2,700
Blue Circle	454	Guinness	7,000	Saatchi	3,200
BOC	1,100	Hanson	5,800	Sainsbury (J)	1,400
Boots	3,000	Hawker Siddeley	858	Sears	13,000
BPB Ind	574	Hillsdown	827	Sedgwick Gp	569
BPCC	480	Imp Chem Ind	1,000	Shell	7,800
Br Aerospace	3,600	Jaguar	2,700	Smith & Nephew	1,300
Br Airways	10,000	Ladbroke	4,100	STC	3,200
Brit Comm	2,100	Land Securities	5,800	Stan Chart	272
Br Gas	29,000	Legal & Gen	9,600	Storehouse	740
Br Petroleum	12,000	Lloyds	534	Sun Alliance	351
Br Telecom	6,300	Lonrho	1,000	Tarmac	903
Britoil	3,600	Marks & Spencer	3,000	TSB P/P	13,000
Bunzl	658	MEPC	2,000	Tesco	1,700
Burton	6,100	Midland	659	Thorn EMI	864
Cable & Wireless	6,500	Nat West	1,600	Trafalgar House	270
Cadbury Schwep	2,000	Next	1,000	Trusthouse Forte	2,700
Coats Viyella	227	P & O Dfrd	1,500	Unigate	667
Com Union	4,300	Pearson	470	Unilever	679
Cons Goldfields	1,600	Pilkington Bros	272	Utd Biscuits	2,800
Cookson Gp	109	Plessey	13,000	Wellcome	5,800
Courtaulds	579	Prudential	180	Whitbread 'A'	2,400
Dee Corp	4,400	Racal Elect	2,400	Woolworth	680
Dixons Gp	4,200				

Stock prices on page 25

THIRD MARKET

1986 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Change
450	180	Abelscot Group	350	380	−5
50	10	Aberdeen Am Petrol	30	33	n/c
125	110	Allied Insurance	118	128	n/c
64	36	Catalyst Comm	62	66	+2
75½	24	Corton Beach	72	77	−1½
200	121	Edenspring Inv	195	205	+3
63	10	Eglinton Oil Ireland	34	36	−4
41	8	Do. Warrants	23	25	−1
44	17	Publishing Holdings	43	45	+1
57½	46	Theme Holdings	46	49	n/c
133	112½	Unit Group	110	115	n/c

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 9
Finance House 10½

Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 8¾ Low 5
Week fixed: 8½

Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying: 2 mnth 8 [illegible]; 3 mnth 8½
Selling: 2 mnth 8 [illegible]; 3 mnth 8 [illegible]

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)
1 mnth 8 [illegible]-8⅝; 2 mnth 8 [illegible]-8⅝
3 mnth 8 [illegible]-8½; 6 mnth 8 [illegible]-8 [illegible]

Trade Bills (Discount %)
1 mnth 9 5/16; 2 mnth 9 [illegible]
3 mnth 9 5/32; 6 mnth 8 15/16

Interbank (%)
Overnight: open 8¾ close 9½
1 week 8⅝-8½; 6 mnth 8 11/16-8⅝
1 mnth 8 11/16-8⅝; 9 mnth 8 11/16-8⅝
3 mnth 8 11/16-8⅝; 12 mth 8¾-8 11/16

Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 days 8½; 7 days 8½
1 mnth 8½; 3 mnth 8⅝
6 mnth 8¾; 12 mth 8¾

Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 mnth 9¼-9; 2 mnth 9-8¾
3 mnth 8 15/16-8 11/16; 6 mnth 8 13/16-8 9/16
9 mnth 8 13/16-8 9/16; 12 mth 8⅞-8⅝

Sterling CDs (%)
1 mnth 8¾-8 [illegible]; 3 mnth 8 11/16-8 19/32
6 mnth 8⅞-8 7/16; 12 mth 8 11/16-8⅝

Dollar CDs (%)
1 mnth 6.95-6.90; 3 mnth 7.10-7.05
6 mnth 7.40-7.35; 12 mth 7.85-7.80

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Dollar
7 days 6¾-6 9/16; call 7-6
3 mnth 7 3/16-7 1/16; 1 mnth 6⅞-6¾
6 mnth 7 7/16-7 5/16

Deutschmark
7 days 3 11/16-3 9/16; call 4-3
3 mnth 3 11/16-3 9/16; 1 mnth 3 11/16-3 9/16
6 mnth 3¾-3⅝

French Franc
7 days 8½-8¼; call 8-7
3 mnth 8⅜-8¼; 1 mnth 8¼-8⅛
6 mnth 8½-8⅜

Swiss Franc
7 days 1½-1¼; call 1⅝-⅞
3 mnth 3 13/16-3 11/16; 1 mnth 3⅝-3½
6 mnth 3⅞-3¾

Yen
7 days 3 9/16-3 7/16; call 4¼-3¾
3 mnth 3¾-3⅝; 1 mnth 3⅝-3½
6 mnth 3⅝-3½

BULLION

Gold: $460.50-461.00
Krugerrand (per coin, ex vat): $464.00-467.00 (£276.50-278.50)
Sovereigns (new, ex vat): $108.50-109.50 (£64.50-65.25)
Platinum $610.00 (£364.20)
Silver $8.7300-8.7800 (£5.2000-5.2400)

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: April 30, 1987. Agreed rates for period May 26, 1987 to June 23, 1987. Scheme I: 11.29 per cent. Schemes II & III: 11.11 per cent. Reference rate for period April 1, 1987 to April 30, 1987. Scheme IV: 9.843 per cent.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

Series	Calls Jul	Oct	Jan	Puts Jul	Oct	Jan
Allied Lyons (*431) 360	73	85	95	1	5	7
390	45	63	75	4	10	13
420	27	40	50	15	20	23
Brit Gas (*114) 80	36	38½	—	½	1	—
90	26	29½	37	1	1½	3½
100	17	23½	30½	1½	4½	6
Brit Airways (*170) 130	42	43	—	1	2	—
140	32	34	44	1	3	5
160	19	24	32	9	11	13
BP (*354) 317	48	58	—	4	12	—
330	38	47	57	8	17	22
360	21	31	42	21	29	36
Britoil (*277) 220	63	68	75	2	4	8
240	47	54	62	7	11	16
260	33	41	50	13	18	22
Cons Gold (*1000) 950	102	125	147	27	57	74
1000	77	102	122	55	80	100
1050	55	75	—	85	105	—
Courtaulds (*435) 360	78	89	—	2	5	—
390	55	71	76	9	12	15
420	32	49	57	15	23	28
460	11	27	35	33	38	52
Com Union (*325) 300	35	45	54	5	8	12
330	14	30	40	15	21	24
360	6	15	—	37	41	—
Cable & Wire (*402) 300	111	—	—	1	—	—
330	83	95	103	3	7	13
360	58	73	80	9	14	25
390	33	50	60	18	28	35
GEC (*237) 200	41	48	54	2	7	8
220	27	32	40	7	12	14
240	16	20	29	18	22	24
Grand Met (*535) 420	125	133	145	1	2	3
460	85	95	108	2	7	12
500	50	60	75	8	15	20
550	18	34	—	28	35	—
ICI (*1412) 1350	110	150	187	25	50	60
1400	80	120	158	43	70	80
1450	53	95	133	68	95	102
1500	33	75	—	98	120	—
Land Securities (*473) 390	85	95	103	2	6	10
420	55	69	80	4	11	17
460	25	40	57	13	21	30
Marks & Spen (*250) 200	54	60	69	1	2	4
220	34	42	51	3	6	9
240	20	31	37	8	12	17
Shell Trans (*1320) 1150	193	213	—	4	10	—
1200	145	172	200	8	17	28
1250	113	145	170	20	30	40
Trafalgar House (*370) 300	77	84	94	2	5	7
330	47	55	68	4	10	15
360	26	36	46	13	20	27
TSB (*91) 70	23	25	—	1	1½	—
80	14	17	20½	1½	2½	3½
90	6½	12	15½	4	6	8½
Woolworth (*665) 750	130	160	180	4	15	23
800	85	105	145	20	30	35
850	52	75	115	35	55	65

Series	Calls Jun	Oct	Jan	Puts Jun	Oct	Jan
Bass (*993) 900	105	130	155	5	22	35
950	60	95	115	15	33	45
1000	33	68	80	35	50	70
GKN (*326) 280	48½	58	—	2	6	—
300	33	42	50	5	11	14
330	15	25	33	15	23	28
360	4	14	21	38	44	48
Jaguar (*554) 550	28	45	68	20	32	40
600	9	28	48	55	58	70
650	1	18	—	98	100	—

Series	Calls Jun	Sep	Dec	Puts Jun	Sep	Dec
Amstrad (*207) 180	33	40	48	3	8	10
200	18	26	35	9	15	17
220	8	18	25	19	24	28
Beecham (*520) 460	67	78	87	4	13	15
500	35	53	63	16	27	36
550	12	30	41	45	53	60
600	3	16	24	90	90	93
Boots (*301) 280	25	35	47	6	12	16
300	11	22	36	15	20	24
330	4	14	—	35	39	—
BTR (*320) 300	28	40	45	3	12	14
330	10	25	30	17	25	30
360	[illegible]	14	21	42	45	50
Blue Circle (*906) 700	215	228	247	1	2	4
750	165	178	197	1	4	12
800	115	128	155	2	10	18
De Beers (*1256) 1100	205	240	265	25	50	70
1200	140	180	210	40	80	110
1300	85	130	165	85	125	155
1400	30	90	130	150	185	210
Dixons (*402) 351	58	68	—	3	6	—
Dixons contd 360	—	—	76	—	—	12
381	34	48	—	9	16	—
Glaxo (*1579) 1400	205	255	280	11	29	47
1450	165	220	250	17	40	60
1500	120	190	220	30	55	78
1550	88	160	195	48	75	95
Hanson (*163) 135	28½	33	—	1	2	—
150	15½	21	—	2	5½	—
165	6	12½	—	8	11½	—
180	2	7	11	19½	21½	22
Sears (*157) 130	26	28½	33	½	2	4½
140	16	22½	26	1½	6½	8
160	4½	10	15	10½	14½	16½
Tesco (*540) 420	123	133	—	1	2	—
460	83	95	105	3	5	8
500	47	60	75	6	15	20
Thorn EMI (*690) 550	145	150	—	2	4	—
600	95	102	125	3	10	15
650	57	67	90	15	25	34
700	27	42	60	38	48	57
THF (*246) 220	28	37	45	1	5	8
240	14	24	31	7	11	15
260	7	13	18	18	22	24

Series	Calls May	Aug	Nov	Puts May	Aug	Nov
Brit Aero (*636) 600	39	73	90	4	20	32
650	10	43	62	25	38	52
700	1½	25	40	68	78	83
BAT Inds (*545) 420	127	137	—	1	2	—
460	87	100	113	1	4	8
500	47	67	83	2	11	17
550	8	36	52	15	26	35
Brit Telecom (*308) 260	29	37	48	1	6	14
300	13	27	36	4	18	20
330	2	13	22	24	32	35
Cadbury Schwpps (*254) 240	15	28	40	1½	8	13
260	3	17	29	9	17	23
280	½	10	—	26	33	—
Guinness (*339) 300	40	55	65	1	7	12
330	12	32	55	3	14	20
360	1½	17	32	23	32	37
Ladbroke (*403) 373	33	52	—	2	9	—
403	10	34	45	9	25	28
443	1½	16	27	45	47	53
LASMO (*282) 260	23	39	50	3	11	18
280	11	30	36	6	20	25
300	3	19	22	21	32	34
Plessey (*237) 220	17	29	34	2	7	11
240	4	18	23	10	17	22
260	¾	11	16	26	29	34
P & O (*652) 550	105	118	135	½	4	5
600	55	75	93	2	10	17
650	13	42	57	13	23	33
Racal (*250) 220	31	38	45	1	5	10
240	12	25	32	2	13	16
260	3	15	24	13	20	24
RTZ (*1038) 900	140	154	172	3	9	18
950	90	115	137	3	14	27
1000	40	85	110	4	32	47
1050	12	65	82	22	55	72
Vaal Reef (*134) 130	5	15	18½	3½	10	14
140	1½	11	14½	11	15½	19
150	1	7	11½	19	23½	25½

Series	Calls May	Aug	Dec	Puts May	Aug	Dec
Barclays (*545) 500	47	67	75	2	8	14
550	6	37	50	13	30	35
600	1	12	23	60	65	67
Midland Bank (*665) 600	70	95	110	2	7	15
650	22	57	77	6	20	27
700	4	30	55	37	50	57

Series	Calls Jun	Sep	Dec	Puts Jun	Sep	Dec
Lonrho (*290) 200	92	97	—	1	1½	—
218	74	79	—	1½	2½	—
236	57	62	67	2	5	5
255	37	46	52	2½	7	9
273	22	31	40	6	11	15

Series	Calls May	Aug	Nov	Puts May	Aug	Nov
Tr 11¾% 1991 (*£110) 106	3⅝	[illegible]	4	1/16	¼	[illegible]
108	[illegible]	2 3/16	2⅜	1/16	11/16	1 1/16
110	[illegible]	[illegible]	1½	11/16	1¾	2 3/16
112	⅛	3/16	¾	[illegible]	3	3 7/16
Tr 11¾% 03/07 (*£125) 118	6⅝	7⅝	8⅝	1/16	¼	[illegible]
120	4⅝	6 3/16	7 1/16	1/16	1⅜	2¼
122	3⅛	[illegible]	5⅜	[illegible]	3 1/16	3
124	[illegible]	[illegible]	4⅛	[illegible]	2⅛	[illegible]
126	¾	[illegible]	3⅝	1¾	3⅛	[illegible]

FT-SE Index (*2176)	Calls May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Puts May	Jun	Jul	Aug
1850	330	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
1900	280	295	305	—	1	4	8	—
1950	230	248	263	—	1	9	13	—
2000	180	203	218	233	2	15	22	35
2050	130	162	180	193	4	23	33	45
2100	85	122	148	160	15	35	53	63
2150	55	93	117	130	29	55	73	83
2200	25	65	90	110	56	77	98	107

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Berkeley Group in £35m rights issue

By Michael Tate

Berkeley Group, the housebuilder, is asking shareholders for £35 million to finance its ambitious expansion plans. Shareholders are offered one new share for every three held at 350p each.

It is Berkeley's third rights issue in the three years since Mr Jim Farrer and Mr Tony Pidgley, chairman and managing director respectively, brought their young but fast-growing housebuilding business to the market.

Few shareholders are likely to complain. The shares, offered for sale at 85p in the summer of 1984, were yesterday changing hands at more than 400p, encouraged by another batch of near faultless trading results.

Profits more than doubled in the year to April 30 from £3.83 million to £8.55 million, on turnover up from £31.79 million to £52.92 million. A final dividend of 1.65p is recommended, making 2.5p for the year against an adjusted 2.1p last time.

Analysts are already pencilling in £15 million profits for the current year.

Neither Mr Farrer nor Mr Pidgley will take up all their rights. After the issue, their joint holdings are likely to be diluted from just over 30 per cent to about 28 per cent.

Berkeley has carved out a significant chunk of the housebuilding market in the most prosperous parts of Surrey, Berkshire, Kent and Hampshire.

This year the company will build between 400 and 500 homes. It plans to open up in Bristol and expand in Hertfordshire, where, says Mr Pidgley, "nobody has yet really moved into the market that we're in."

But a takeover spree looks unlikely. Mr Pidgley says: "We have looked at two or three possibilities, but they are all so expensive."

The cash will, however, give the group "greater flexibility to take advantage of opportunities for expansion".

Group forward sales last year were "at a record level". All the housebuilding subsidiaries made positive contributions to profits and the company also shared a £500,000 maiden profit from the joint venture with Speyhawk. Land "continues to be readily available" and demand remains "outstanding", says Mr Pidgley.

Looking to expand: Jim Farrer (left) and Tony Pidgley

Computer People coming to market

By Joe Joseph

Computer People, an employment agency which supplies specialized computer staff to a wide range of organizations and businesses, is coming to the full market in a joint placing and offer of 3.39 million ordinary 5p shares at 230p each, capitalizing the company at £26 million.

Half of the shares will be placed by Hill Samuel, the merchant bank, and the other half offered to the public. Stock Exchange dealings in the shares are expected to begin on May 28.

Computer People, which draws almost a third of its £28 million turnover from the US operations it started up in 1976, either hires out computer consultants under contract or recruits new personnel for its clients' permanent staff.

The company reported pretax profits last year of £1.7 million.

The directors consider that a full Stock Exchange listing will give the company a more prominent profile among potential clients, help to reduce borrowings and will provide access to finance for future acquisitions.

At the placing and offer price the company has an historic price-earnings multiple of 19.4 (at 35 per cent tax) and a forecast dividend yield of 2.1 per cent.

Labour spells out small firms plan

By Teresa Poole, Business Correspondent

A reduction in taxes on profits retained in small businesses and a standardized computer software package, to simplify the bureaucratic burden of tax payments, were among proposals by the Labour Party yesterday for promoting enterprise and small business.

The strategy would include extending the Enterprise Allowance Scheme beyond a year for new businesses that created one or more jobs for non-family members.

It would also introduce a basic employment contract, consider legislation to introduce the right to charge interest on overdue bills and a possible network of support agencies run on a commercial basis to help one-person enterprises.

The central theme of the proposals is decentralizing support services for small businesses to improve efficiency and reduce the regional imbalance.

This would be done through local enterprise partnerships involving local authorities, businesses, banks and trade unions which would administer government-backed programmes such as the Loan Guarantee Scheme.

Mr Barry Sheerman, Labour's spokesman on small companies, said: "The Business Expansion Fund would also become linked closely with raising capital for local enterprise."

The local enterprise partnerships would also act as training centres, possibly in co-operation with colleges.

Labour also plans to ensure that small enterprises take a fairer share of contracts from local authorities and public sector enterprises, such as the NHS. Large companies and public sector bodies will be asked to provide detailed guidance to small businesses on winning orders and tendering for contracts.

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BRIGHTON MARINA

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A SPECIAL REPORT
By Ronald Faux

Sea change at the resort

Famous with holidaymakers for more than two centuries, Brighton is at last catering for seafarers, with a great marina, nearing completion. But the going has not all been easy

Brighton has a new claim to fame. Apart from having some of the finest Regency buildings in the land, a warren of quaint Lanes and a mock oriental pavilion that has given a swagger to the town for more than two centuries, the Brighton Marina is being transformed from white elephant into one of Europe's biggest yachting centres.

The fact is that Brighton always had a lot to offer the landlubber visitors who teem into the place but nothing for the seafarers.

With the crowded waters and marinas of the Solent and the Hamble to demonstrate the rapidly growing enthusiasm for water sports, the idea of creating a marina at Brighton semmed to make good commercial sense.

The Brighton Marina Act received Royal Assent in 1968 six years after the idea for a yacht harbour had entered the mind of Henry Cohen, a local businessman, who pursued the scheme. Five big financial institutions agreed to back the project. The original consortium comprised the National Westminster Bank, Royal Insurance Company, Electricity Council Superannuation Funds, Westmoreland Properties and EMI. They raised over £50 million, which the marina has so far cost.

The Brighton Marina Act allowed the borough of Brighton to buy the foreshore and seabed at Black Rock on the Rottingdean side of town from the Crown.

The harbour would cover 126 acres enclosed by two breakwaters and moorings for 2,000 boats. Land reclaimed within the harbour would carry 1,000 flats and houses and parking for 6,000 cars. Also included was a sports and entertainment centre, shopping centre, hotel and conference complex, a yacht club and restaurants.

Building began in November 1971 with a sea wall that was pushed out over the entire length of the site, nearly 200ft from the high-water mark.

Construction ploughed on through the 1970s with the scheme at the mercy of the elements, and to an equal degree at the mercy of the planning system.

The worst of the weather came in September 1974 with a 17-hour storm that undermined part of the East Breakwater foundations, marooning the huge crane being used to lift the 625-tonne caissons into position. This caused a delay of five months. The next month a planning inquiry was held into the scheme after the Secretary of State for the Environment had called in the approval. This led to a further 18 months' delay. Final approval was given by the minister, subject to some modifications that reduced the total of residential units and put a height limit on the buildings.

Stagnant swamp filled in and sold for £10m

The Queen opened the marina on the last day of May 1979 as a huge armada of sailing craft and powerboats assembled on the moorings behind the protection of the two gracefully snaking concrete arms.

The project had survived all that the elements and bureaucracy could throw at it but the economic climate of the late 1970s did not encourage the stockholders to carry the scheme to the next stage. They turned for advice to George Walker, chairman of the Brent Walker leisure and property group. He had impresssed them by converting a leisure scheme in Essex from loss to profit.

The Brighton project, after such heavy investment, was simply not providing the right level of return. The net result of Walker's visit to the marina 18 months ago was that his company bought the development lock, stock and sea wall for £13 million and drew up an immediate financial and development package that would establish the marina on a profitable financial course.

The plan was altered to provide less water and more land that could carry development and also to take the concept of the marina community and leisure centre to a far more ambitious level. This has not meant radical changes to the basic structure of the scheme but has transformed its potential profitability.

One small corner of the site, swamped by stagnant water, was filled in and sold for £10 million to the Dee Corporation as the site of a Carrefour hypermarket. The building is now emerging along with the first housing development, by Barratt's, designed to reflect the Brighton's elegant Regency buildings.

By the early 1990s the Brighton Marina Village will be completed and about 700 luxury residential properties established alongside an international hotel, sports and leisure complex, including a water theme park and multi-screen cinema, health hydro, superstore and range of conventional shops, restaurants and cafes in a village square.

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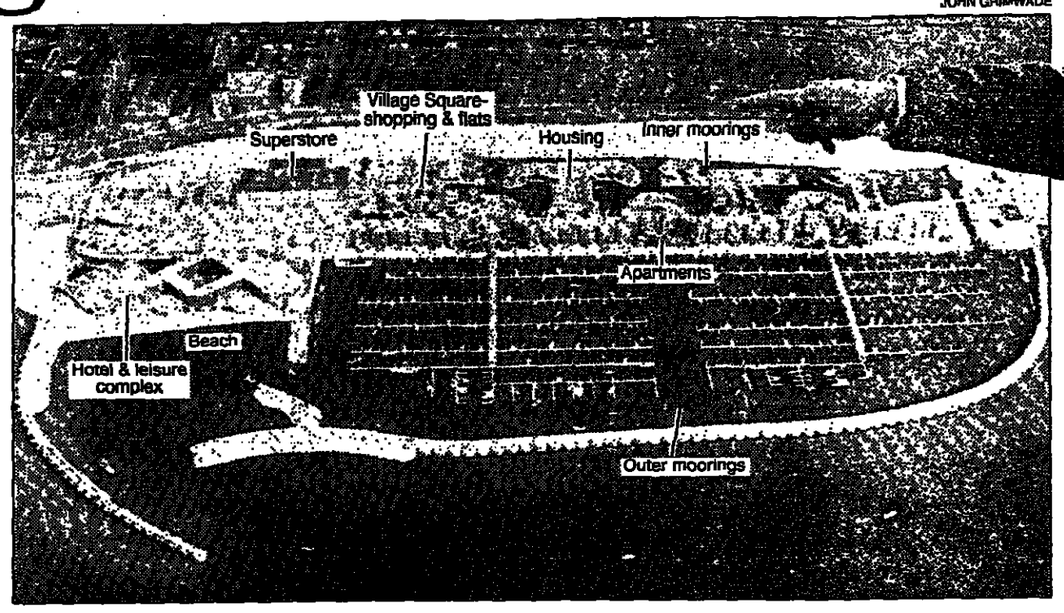
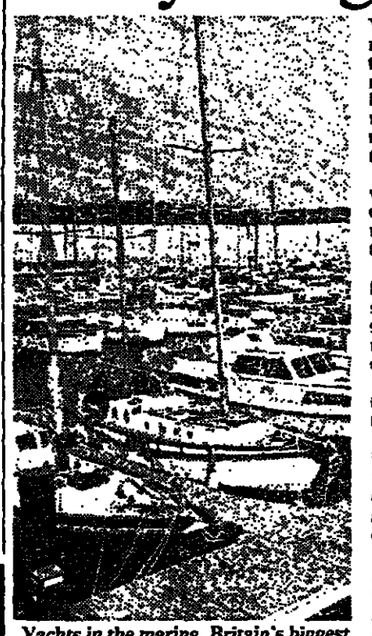


Pointing the way ahead: George Walker, above, the chairman of Brent Walker, bought the ailing development for £13 million and expanded its potential. Left: the planners' vision of the new marina

Jolly refuge for modern sailors



Yachts in the marina, Britain's biggest and the largest in Europe

Yachtsmen are a gregarious lot. They may enjoy the challenge of a solitary thrash to windward across the Channel, returning, if they are lucky, with the breeze ripening their sails in an exhilarating run, but there are few pleasures more positive than telling someone about the adventure.

Along the south coast this is just as well. Sailing enthusiasts there are obliged by the enormous pressure on mooring space, in such sailing centres as the Solent, to be gregarious.

The original idea of building a yacht harbour at Brighton was logical and sound. There are few places of secure shelter between there and Dover and nowhere with substantial facilities for enthusiasts to base their craft.

The practical theory of building yacht marinas came from America and spread rapidly in Britain.

Brighton may claim to be the most important development in the United Kingdom, giving a base from which the owners of the largest craft can step aboard at any state of the tide and head out for a sail.

This deep-water advantage avoids the traditional English necessity of wading through mud or rowing out to a trot of sailing craft moored in an estuary – a romantic process but one that is easily forgotten when the convenience of a marina is at hand. Brighton has attracted a wide selection of sailing craft, from the kind of cruiser that follows in panting pursuit of a family saloon to the latest in gin palaces. There are traditional gaff-rigged cutters and the die-stamped plastic vessels that have made sailing such a massively popular sport.

There may be some fears that such a massive development on the east end of Brighton will draw interest and trade away from the town centre, but those who believe that argument are considered too protectionist or pessimistic.

The marina will bring at least 4,000 visiting boats into Brighton a year, half of them from the Continent. With France only a night's cruise away (Fecamp lies 68 miles to the south-east) the marina is bound to generate even more cross-channel traffic.

The necessary property development has cut the original 2,200 yacht berths to 1,900, but the marina still ranks as the biggest in Britain and among the largest in Europe.

Its position in the price scale ranks midway between the rivers Solent and Medway. A berth will cost about £115 a square metre a year, VAT included.

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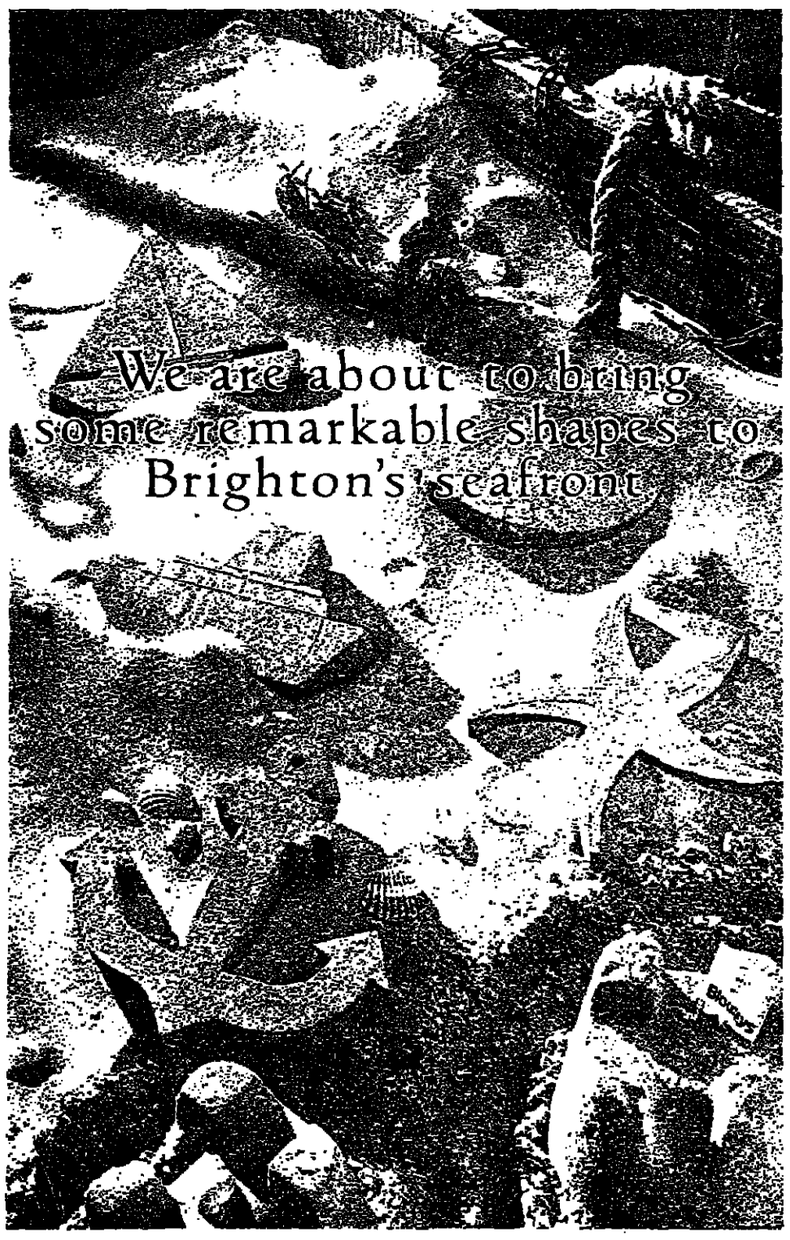

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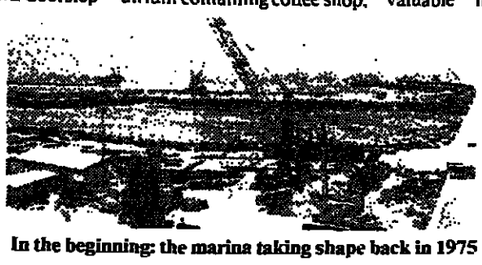
The latter-day Venice rising in the South

It was probably the Venetians who best developed the idea of a town with waterways where most towns have roads. That was centuries ago and Venice, according to gloomy calculation, is quietly sinking into the sea — just as the Brighton Marina rises from it, underpinned and protected by all the devices of modern civil engineering, but following the Regency lines for which old Brighton is famous.

The broad, lateral causeway running from the marina entrance to the eastern lock will, when completed in the early 1990s, carry more than 700 attractively designed homes.

From the causeway, six promontories will create a series of lagoons around which will be studios, apartments, penthouses and townhouses, some with their own doorstep mooring. The yachting buffs of Brighton will be able to step aboard from their own quay and set off out to sea. Barratt's, the builders of the marina village, say the first one- and two-bedroom flats, built in the heart of the development as part of the "village square" complex, will be ready by July.



In the beginning: the marina taking shape back in 1975

The aim is to create a lively and attractive environment with a wide range of leisure, sport and shopping facilities close at hand. The square will have paved areas, plenty of trees and a choice of shops, restaurants and bistros.

Barratt's say the first group of 123 flats built to luxury specification, will cost from £60,000 for one-bedroom properties and from about £80,000 for those with two bedrooms.

The first homes will be part of the first block, designed by the Mason Richards Partnership in an hexagonal design around the "village" square.

Some flats, which range from 500 to 1,000sq ft, have ensuite shower-rooms to the master bedrooms. All have car park space and mooring.

In addition, Barratt's will be building 97 houses and 600 apartments with first occupations by early 1988. The three-storey houses will have up to five bedrooms. The apartments and penthouses along the central spine of the marina will have views over the outer harbour and each property will have first option on a mooring and parking.

The company reports an early lively interest in the various commercial operations offering shopping and eating facilities and the marina's leisure complex, the size of six football pitches, will comprise four indoor tennis courts, six squash courts, water theme park, multi-screen cinema, nightclub, casino and first class hotel.

The central feature planned for this development is a huge atrium containing coffee shop, main bar, restaurant, a cocktail lounge landscaped with waterfalls, shops and even a bowling green.

Highlight of the leisure complex will be the water theme park with its white water rapids, whirlpools and waterslides and, when the weather outside is cold and overcast, the illusion of warm sand and seaside with a dry beach and a wave pool.

The Brighton Marina was literally wrenched from the sea and represents both a major civil engineering achievement and a bold stroke by the original investors.

The Sussex coastline may be benign in summer and a secure haven for nudists and beach-lovers, but it is swept by some lively tides and can be fiercely hammered by winter gales.

Elsewhere in the British Isles, particularly in Scotland, there were horror stories of marinas built in exposed positions breaking up.

If Brighton was to have a marina there was no escaping the fact that it would have to be a hugely muscular structure to withstand weight of wind, wave and tide.

The huge breakwaters were formed by 110 circular caissons, each weighing 625 tonnes that were manoeuvred into position and "planted" by a 1,200-tonne crane and each sealed on to the chalk seabed with 1,000 tonnes of quick-setting concrete.

The months of work extended into the stormy season and in September 1974 a Force 11 gale lasting 17 hours caused the foundations of two of the circular caissons to slip, marooning the crane. The subsequent delay cost five invaluable months of construction time. Building the sea walls took five years, but in April 1976, the last caisson was put into place and 12,000 additional concrete structures, each weighing six tonnes, were placed in position to give extra protection where the worst ravages of the sea could be expected.

Within the arms of the marina work was already under way and each week 1,500 lorry loads of infill rumbled on to the site, one arriving every two minutes.

The hard work was complete but it was quickly apparent that a harbour for around 2,000 boats even in the prosperous southern counties and less than an hour by rail from central London, would not generate the scale of revenue to justify such a heavy investment. Few doubted the excellence of the facility for yachtsmen. What was urgently required was an extra dynamic to make the scheme financially viable.

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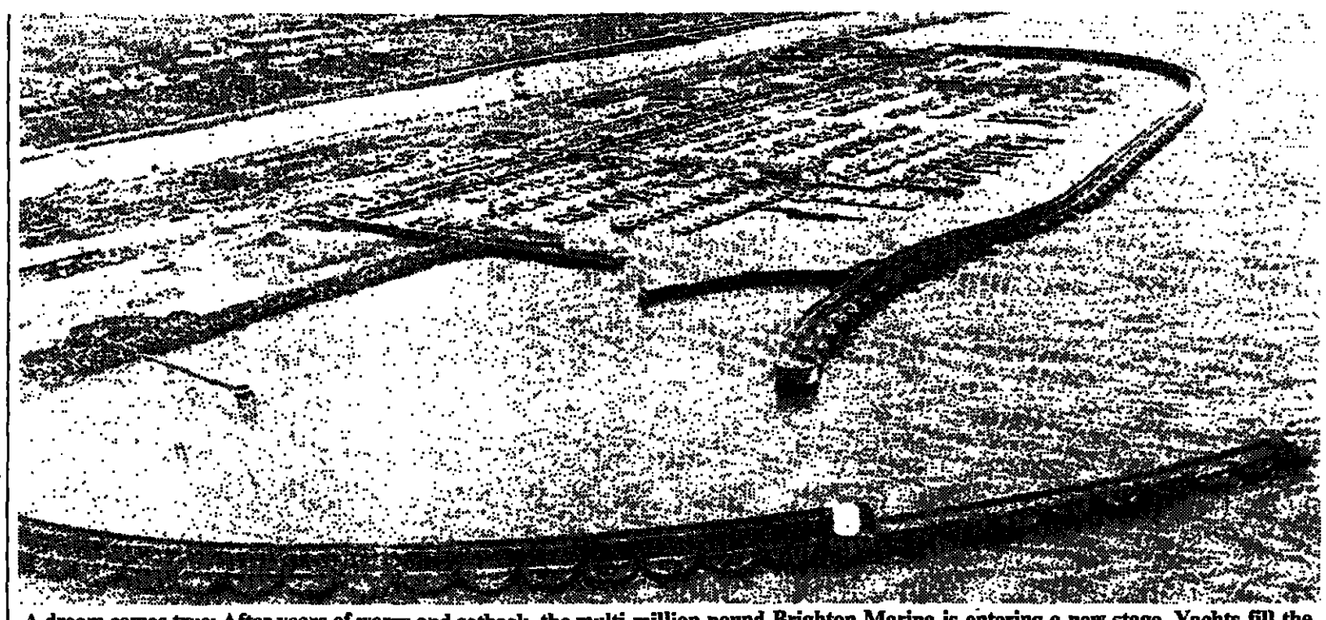

A dream comes true: After years of worry and setback, the multi-million pound Brighton Marina is entering a new stage. Yachts fill the inner harbour and in July the first apartment houses will be ready. Later will come a supermarket, hotel and health hydro

The old pro with an eye for property

George Walker works hard at leisure. The former Billingsgate porter and world-class light heavyweight has brought a fighter's eye for advantage into the multi-million pound business of how people spend their free time.

As chairman of the Brent Walker Corporation he has piled on the pressure with an impressive list of projects, including the Basildon Astrodome in Essex, a £30 million covered stadium that will rival Houston, in Texas; four square miles of man-made island off Southend, Essex, where he owns the famous pier, that will become a yacht haven; elegant canal-side hotels, seven golf courses, squash courts, nightclubs and casinos and a host of other film, video and leisure interests.

Where people go for recreation it would seem that Mr Walker aims to be not far behind them. The company has doubled pre-tax profits, turnover has shot past £15 million and promises to maintain a steep climb, and the current market value is more than £60 million.

The jewel in the Brent Walker crown will be the Brighton Marina, a spectacular turn-round for a venture that had been deemed a failure but which is now expected to be earning more than £10 million a year by the early 1990s.

He first set eyes on the marina about 18 months ago, looking down on the development from the minor spaghetti junction which syphons traffic from cliff top to seashore.

A few first impressions were scribbled down as an *aide-mémoire*; what he would do if he owned the site.

About a year later he did own it and the scribbles became a blueprint.

With hindsight, there is little doubt that that Mr Walker acquired rather more than a bargain. "I did my sums and could hardly believe the answers. It seemed astonishing that no one had

Reclaimed land for a superstore

already thought of the idea," he said.

The fact was that some £53 million had already been spent building the curving sweep of breakwaters sheltering the pontoon berths, a swathe of land reclaimed from the sea and an elaborate system of access roads.

But at that stage the prospect did not please. The landward lagoon was too far from the circulating water so that areas had turned stagnant.

Fill in the smelly bits and build on the reclaimed land, he theorized with a busy scribble. Reality proved even better. The land reclaimed from the smelly bits went to the Dee Corporation for a superstore which will be a double-edged attraction, bringing outsiders into the marina and serving the resident community.

Where the original scheme had pontoons on the inner harbour, the Brent Walker scheme has elegantly styled flats and maisonettes set around a group of lagoons.

On the 12 acres of empty space to the west on the marina, Mr Walker plans to bring his leisure industry into force with squash courts, indoor tennis courts, bowling centres, a health hydro, huge water theme park and a hotel paid for by the housing development.

As for the yachting facilities, they were excellent and did not need any major change.

This almost impertinent success has not been resented by the original investors who sold out to Brent Walker without handing on any of the liabilities the scheme had incurred over the years.

Mr Walker said: "There have been no sour grapes. As one of the investors said to me, their business was lending money not running marinas and quite simply they saw me as the right man for the job."

Apart from the chairman's basic faith in a human liking for messing about on, in, or near water, the company's optimism is also founded on a booming interest in the sports for which it caters, more leisure time and more spare cash floating around the economy for leisure spending.

Success for Brent Walker has not been entirely plain sailing, however, and the company made a colourful exit from the stock market in the early 1980s after a disastrous investment in a hotel development in Egypt, tumbling profits and a wrangle with Joan Collins over two films, *The Stud* and *The Bitch*, in which it had a stake.

Mr Walker is now aged 58 and his rugged features are a monument, proud he would say, to his past as a

He enjoys challenges, including ocean races

professional boxer. His younger brother, Billy, the "Golden Boy" champion, followed the same path, helped by George who many considered to be the stronger fighter.

"Perhaps my problem was that I reached my peak in the days before the big television coverage, the big deals and contracts," he said.

He last fought in 1953 and since then developed a wide interest in leisure sport. His 50ft schooner, Rich Harvest, is named after a racehorse which had 22 wins in the 1950s and was owned by his father. Enjoying challenges, he has competed in some of the toughest ocean races. "I was," he says, "a gorilla up on the foredeck."

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Motoring by Clifford Webb

Hungarian rhapsody for Rolls-Royce

Rolls-Royce's decision to take motoring journalists to Hungary to test drive the latest versions of the £68,944 Rolls-Royce Silver Spirit and even more expensive £79,396 Bentley Turbo-R is on the face of it mystifying.

It does not sell a single car there and is never likely to.

There are only 200 miles of motorway in the whole country and getting lost is a constant worry because few Hungarians speak another language.

But where else in Europe would you find a police force willing to turn a blind eye to speeds of 140mph plus on public roads? A tourist organization so eager to please that they provide a car complete with flashing roof light to escort visitors through the streets of their capital city to a countryside almost devoid of other traffic.

Throw in the use of a newly-built motor racing circuit, a cost of living and rate of exchange that are extremely attractive to Westerners and Rolls' decision begins to make sense.

The 1987 updates include petrol injection for the huge 6750cc V8, new suspension settings, anti-lock brakes, memory adjustable seats, revised air conditioning, bigger alternators, a much-improved fascia and console lay out, larger radiators, and discreet air dams.

A Rolls-Royce Silver Spirit attracts admiring glances on test in Hungary

The most impressive change is brought about by the stiffer suspension. Rolls-Royce thinking has until recently been dominated by the need to provide a "silent, floating-on-air" ride for the world's most exclusive car owner. The result was a *magnificent* motorway cruiser but one which had to be handled with care on more demanding roads.

Throwing 2½ tons of metal around is a very unforgiving experience. For this reason alone, Peter Ward, the company's new chief executive, was taking quite a gamble when he handed a clutch of Bentley Turbos to us on the very tight racing circuit. After a couple of tentative laps we found that the suspension changes, particularly the addition of a very stiff roll bar at the front, had reduced the old wallowing motion to much more manageable proportions.

Rolls has lived on its reputation for too long. Its cars have been slow to reflect the technology revolution of the past decade. Now under a new young leader supported by a new chief engineer and sales director, things are at last beginning to hum.

But the basic problem remains. The present design is 20 years old and overdue for replacement. Neither Rolls nor its parent Vickers is yet ready or able to find the £250-million necessary to develop a totally new car and engine. In the meantime, the decision to give the Bentley half of the marque a separate and more sporting identity is an excellent ploy. But there is only so much you can do to make a Rolls look like a Bentley.

Senator gets an elegant new look

The recent arrival of Vauxhall's elegant new Carlton emphasised the outdated lines of the company's top-of-the-range Senator and this was reflected in its falling sales.

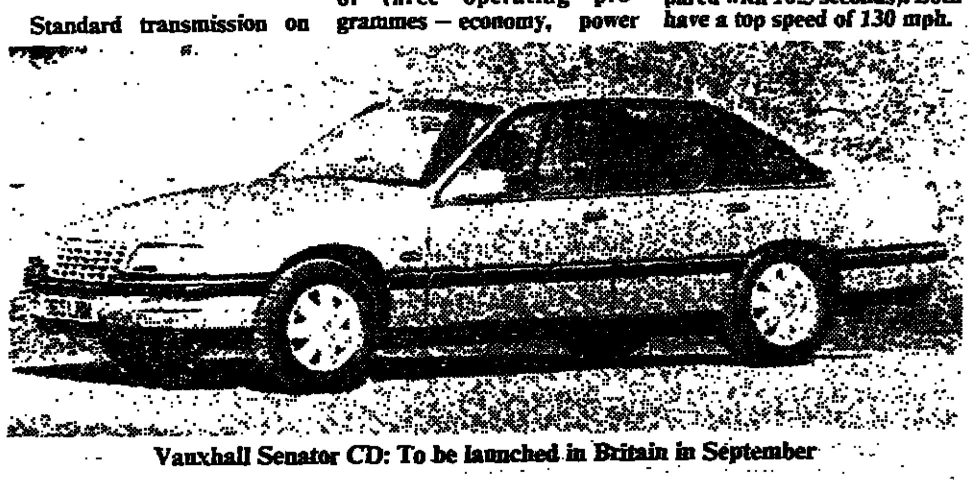
Now the General Motors subsidiary is hoping to stop the rot with a brand new Senator looking for all the world like a bigger Carlton. However British buyers of this *German-made car will have to* wait until September for the first shipments and prices will only be announced then.

There will be three versions powered by existing 2.5 and 3 litre engines. All three are fitted with GM's new ACT (Advanced Chassis Technology) suspension first seen on the Carlton. The most innovative feature is a small *amount of rear* wheel steer which is said to improve stability in extreme conditions.

The Senator CD, the most expensive version has a further refinement. The driver can choose between three shock absorber settings controlled by an on-board computer. It will also be available as an extra cost option on *other versions.*

Standard transmission on the 2.5 Senator is a new 5-speed *manual, but more* upmarket models will have a 4-speed automatic gearbox with overdrive top and torque converter lock up. With the electronic engine management system it is said to be more *efficient and smooth.* A choice of three operating programmes — economy, power or winter — is available at the flick of a switch.

Vauxhall claim that in the economy mode, the automatic Senator uses less petrol than the manual. The manual 2.5 is almost as quick off the mark as the automatic 3 litre (*0-60mph in 11 seconds* compared with 10.5 seconds). Both have a top speed of *130 mph.*



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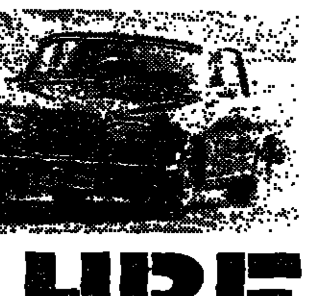
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A doubling of guarantees

By Derek Harris

The Government's loan guarantee scheme, relaunched a year ago with more attractive interest terms for small businesses, *is now seeing almost a doubling in* the number of guarantees issued. The value of loans is up by about 130 per cent.

But there is clearly a long way to go before the LGS regains its original impetus when loans issued were running at about 400 a month, until tougher terms were introduced and cut down applications. Recently, loans issued have been running at rather less than a third of that rate.

Under the LGS, loans, substantially guaranteed by the Government, are made by banks to small businesses which would not otherwise measure up to bank criteria for a loan or overdraft. The aim has been to help create more small businesses and so produce more jobs.

A new analysis of the scheme's performance in 1986 shows a steady growth in the number of guarantees issued, rising from 251 in the first quarter to 304 in the final three months. In the year 1,050 guarantees were issued compared with 542 the year before.

Value of the loans last year amounted to £40.4 million, compared with £17.7 million in 1985.

In March and April guarantees issued totalled just under 240. That, compared with 144 in the comparable months of last year, just before the interest rate premium was reduced to 2.5 per cent above base rate.

But a steady improvement is being expected this year. Mr David Trippier, minister for small businesses at the Department of Employment, has been travelling to a series of regional meetings with bank managers to press home the message that the policy of all the key banks is now to expand use of the scheme. Messages on video to this effect from the heads of the high street banks reinforced the message.

The latest analysis also points to the continued expectation that the failure rates among infant businesses set up with LGS help has come down from one in three to one in four. Case histories from 1984 onwards indicate that after three years businesses are likely to have a 25 per cent failure rate.

Say cheese when you take to the hills

By Veronica Heath

Hill farming means harsh economics, but one farmer is reviving an old Northumbrian skill in his battle for economic survival.

Mark Robertson, and his Dutch-born wife, *Marijke, who live at the Soppit* farm near Otterburn, decided they must expand into something which they could relate to and enjoy doing. Mr Robertson said: "We had been Dutch farmers in Friesland, milking sheep and selling the produce in the form of curd quargs and other cheeses. The sheep looked content and the dairies were spotless. We thought there might be a market for that sort of thing up here..."

They started the venture in 1984, milking ewes in a corner of their farm yard. They had 800 mules and blackies, both types of sheep native to the district, but soon realized that they were not going to be prolific enough milkers. They went back to The Netherlands where the Dutch dairy men were exceedingly helpful. "Of course we were not a threat to them", he said. "So they showed us everything — shared their recipes and advised us on equipment." In Holland, farm units are small and the terrain *difficult in the 550 acres of marginal hill* land that the Robertsons farm. But the farm was already being run on organic principles, with stock grazing old pastures full of herbs and natural goodness, which would be reflected in the end products.

The environmental health office of Tynedale District Council was helpful. The stables were converted into a dairy with a *renovation grant from Cosira* (Council for Small Industries in Rural Areas). They bought a cheese vat from Holland, a press, a variety of moulds and a French brand of electric milker. By mid-summer 1985, they were in business, selling their first yoghurts and *cheeses at the farm gate.*

Mark Robertson: 'Getting to the core of the matter'

That December the Ministry of Agriculture changed their grant policies to cover tourism and craft ventures, so the Robertsons obtained a conversion for a shop and a tea room.

Gradually, the blackface sheep gave way to Friesland crosses which tend to lamb all year round with a prolific lactation. Currently, they have a flock of *80 Dutch Freisland and cross-Frieslands.* The breakthrough came when Mr Robertson was invited by Harrods to attend a Sheep Milk Products week. "It was a very rewarding experience," he said. "I made contact with the British Sheep Dairy Association who gave me advice and encouragement. We knocked on doors and laid the foundation for several good long-term orders..."

Last year the Northumbrian cheese farm had 3,000 visitors and the Robertsons now average a turnover of 40 cheeses a week the year round. About half are sold through local delicatessens and the rest are sent to London by overnight express.

In the cheese maturing room there shelves of mellowing Redesdales and Goudas as well as the best-selling Coquetdale summer cheeses. Redesdale and Coquetdale are evocative names, relating to the district. Most of the cheeses take three or four months to mature.

In the height of the summer season the *small shop sells home-made cheese-*cakes, whey biscuits and drinks, yoghurts and quarg, which is a lactic curd cheese. Cheese condition is checked with a cheese iron. The hollow, sharp tool is plunged into the maturing cheese and then withdrawn so that the cheesemaker can judge what is going on inside. The plug is reinserted without damage. But after a while a cheese man learns what is going on by the weight and smell and feel of his product, as well as by coring.

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Law Report May 15 1987 House of Lords

Judge's medical theory not proven

Kay v Ayrshire and Arran Health Board

Before Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Brandon of Oakbrook, Lord Griffiths, Lord Mackay of Clashfern and Lord Ackner

[Judgment May 14]

The deafness of a child who had been negligently given an overdose of penicillin for pneumococcal meningitis could not be said to have been caused by the overdose if there was no evidence to prove whether or not he was deaf before the overdose was administered. The deafness must, on the weight of the evidence, have resulted solely from his meningitis and his claim for damages in respect of the deafness failed.

The House of Lords so held dismissing an appeal by Mr James L. Kay, suing Ayrshire and Arran Health Board as tutor and administrator-at-law of his child Andrew Stuart Kay.

Mr Ranald N. M. MacLean, QC and Mr Iain Bonomy (both of the Scottish Bar) for Mr Kay; Mr J. A. Cameron, QC and Miss Lynda Clark (both of the Scottish Bar) for the board.

LORD KEITH said that on November 28, 1975 the child aged two years and five months was admitted to hospital. He was diagnosed as suffering from pneumococcal meningitis. The consultant paediatrician in charge instructed that 10,000 units of penicillin be injected intrathecally. By mistake the house officer injected 300,000 units of penicillin.

The child went into convulsions and later developed hemiparesis, that is, paralysis on one side of his body. The mistake was discovered immediately and remedial measures taken which succeeded in saving his life. By December 1 the immediate ill-effects of the overdose were surmounted and a rapid recovery from meningitis followed.

He was discharged from hospital on December 24. His parents before then had begun to suspect that he was suffering from deafness. That proved to be the case.

The action was tried before Lord Davidson. The Lord Ordinary decided that the deafness had been contributed to by the overdose. He awarded damages of £102,000.

The board reclaimed, and their motion for review was heard by the First Division (Lord Emslie, Lord President, Lord Grieve and Lord Kingraig) who allowed it holding that Andrew's deafness had not been proved to have been related causally to the overdose. They reduced the damages to £7,275.

The principal reason why the First Division decided as they did was that they found that the Lord Ordinary, in holding proved a causal connection between the overdose and the deafness, to have proceeded on a theory of causation propounded by himself, which had not been spoken to by any of the medical witnesses and had not been suggested to any of them so that they might express an opinion on its validity.

The Lord Ordinary's approach proceeded on the view that, but for the overdose of penicillin, Andrew's prospects of recovering from the meningitis without suffering deafness were reasonably good. He held that it had not been proved that Andrew was deaf before the overdose was administered.

As the judges of the First Division pointed out, the evidence likewise did not enable a finding to be made that he was not deaf before the overdose. There was no evidence either way.

The factor was of some significance because medical knowledge indicated that deafness, if it materialized as a sequela of meningitis, was likely to do so at an early stage of the disease.

On November 28 and 29 the disease appeared to have been at its height. After that the meningitis cleared up rapidly. Although no firm inferences could be drawn, if the disease was already passed its peak when the overdose was administered, and thus passed the stage when deafness was most likely to occur, it was not easy to see how the overdose could be held to have increased the prospects of deafness.

Medical knowledge clearly demonstrated that deafness was a common sequela of meningitis. It occurred in a third of all cases of pneumococcal meningitis and prospects of full recovery free of sequelae were better in children aged between six months and two and a half years.

The weight of the evidence in the present case, as the judges of the First Division found, was that the deafness was caused by the meningitis, and that there was no causal connection bewteen the deafness and the overdose of penicillin.

Lord Brandon agreed and Lord Griffiths, Lord Mackay and Lord Ackner delivered concurring judgments.

Solicitors: Howard Kennedy for Levy & McRae, Glasgow and John G. Gray & Co, Edinburgh; Lawrence Graham for Solicitor, Scottish Health Service.

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Regina v Tower Bridge Metropolitan Stipendiary Magistrate, Ex parte Director of Public Prosecutions

Before Lord Justice May and Mr Justice Macpherson

[Judgment May 13]

Where a defendant pleaded guilty to a charge of driving with excess blood alcohol, contrary to section 6 of the Road Traffic Act 1972 (as substituted in Schedule 8 to the Transport Act 1981), justices were not entitled to insist on the production to the court of the original printout of the Lion Intoximeter.

It had therefore been an improper exercise of discretion for a stipendiary magistrate to invite a defendant to change his plea to not guilty and, upon his doing so, to dismiss the information.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held, granting an application by the Director of Public Prosections for judicial review by way of *certiorari* to quash an order of the Tower Bridge Metropolitan Stipendiary Magistrate, Mr David Voelcker, on July 29, 1986, that a plea of not guilty be entered in respect of a charge under section 6 of the 1972 Act against the defendant, Mr Thomas John McCarthy, that the prosecution proceed forthwith with the summary trial of the charge and that, the prosecution being unable to adduce any evidence, the information be dismissed. The court also granted two declarations.

Mr Jeremy Carter-Manning, for the applicant.

MR JUSTICE MACPHERSON said that the defendant had pleaded guilty before justices and, in accordance with what had apparently become the practice of the Tower Bridge Magistrates' Court, they had asked to see the original printout of the Intoximeter. Upon the prosecutor informing them that only a certified copy was available, the justices adjourned the hearing for one day for the original to be produced.

The next day, upon the prosecutor informing the stipendiary magistrate before whom the case had been called that it had not been possible to obtain the original, the magistrate had said that it would be grossly unfair to the defendant to adjourn again and that he was not willing to let the matter proceed as a guilty plea in the asbence of the printout. He had thereupon invited the defendant to change his plea, which he had done, and, the prosecutor being unable to offer any evidence, had dismissed the information.

Although the practice of inspecting the printout in order to check that the calibration and readings were correct had its good qualities, in particular where a defendant was unrepresented, there was no need for the original to be produced on a guilty plea in such a case.

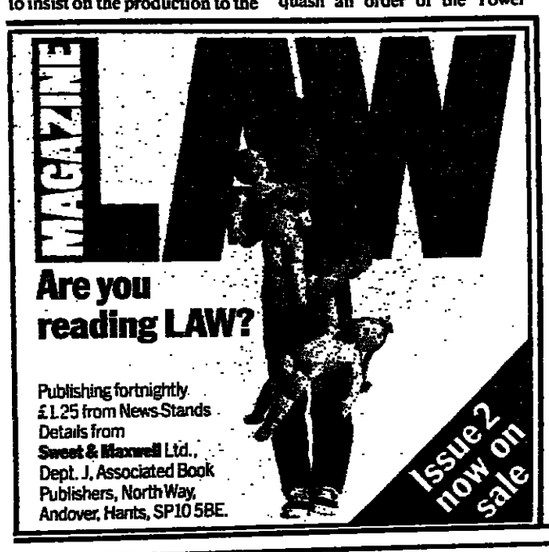
The best possible evidence of guilt was a guilty plea, and it was not necessary as a matter of law for either the original or a copy of the printout to be produced to the court, although as a matter of courtesy a prosecutor should have the original available for the court to see if it wished.

The magistrate had exercised his discretion improperly: the court could and should have proceeded to sentence. *Certiorari* would issue to quash the stipendiary magistrate's decision, but in view of the time which had elapsed and since the error had occurred through no fault of the defendant, the case would not be remitted to the justices for sentence.

There would be declarations that it had been an improper exercise of the court's discretion in the circumstances to insist on the production of the original printout, to order a change of plea, to refuse a further adjournment and to dismiss the charge.

Lord Justice May agreed.

Solicitors: Crown Prosecution Service, Inner London.



Expatriate poised for key role in Rugby Union's World Cup

Gallagher awaits call for All Black duty

By Chris Thau

John Gallagher, the 23-year-old Wellington policeman, after a breathtaking display in the final All Black trial in Wangarei at the weekend, has become the front runner to wear the No. 15 jersey in the opening match of the 1987 World Cup between New Zealand and Italy.

Gallagher, a former pupil of St Joseph's Academy, Blackheath, became an All Black during last year's tour of France when he played at centre in four provisional matches.

His pace and size makes him a fearsome sight when coming into the line at full speed and if the New Zealand selectors opt for the safety of Grant Fox's kicking, then Gallagher seems the natural choice at full back ahead of the more conservative Kieran Cowley.

"My selection for last year's tour of France came a bit as a surprise, I have to admit. I was the dark horse then. This year, however, I feel the pressure even more. The full back position was one of the very few up for grabs in the trial so I could not afford to play badly."

Indeed he had hardly put a foot wrong and his scorching runs from defence as well as in attack brought him a try for the probables and the universal acclaim of the media.

Gallagher — another name in the ever-increasing list of players who perform well away from England, like Jamie Salmon, Rob Andrew, Peter Williams and Tony O'Malley — is convinced that he would never have reached top international honours had he stayed with either London Irish or the Askeans.

"When I left school, I had the opportunity to go to New Zealand, invited by the Oriental-Rongotai club in Wellington. I enjoyed the experience and have decided to stay. I don't know what my evolution in England would have been like but I am pretty sure that I would not have made the English team because of the way the game is structured there.

Prime mover: Gallagher has claims on the full back position after an impressive trial (Photograph: Hugh Routledge)

"In England, there are not enough incentives for young players to have a go. I played with so many good players at school and most of them have given up playing the game. It is a real shame."

Gallagher will go back home to his friend O'Malley, a former schoolmate who joined Oriental-Rongotai at the beginning of March.

O'Malley travelled to Singapore Sevens with the London Stock Exchange but instead of returning home with David Trick, Paul O'Donnell and company, he flew further East to Wellington where he was met by Gallagher.

"I was lucky to have the chance to come over and I wanted Tony to give it a try as well. I think that he has done pretty well, if you think that he has already had his first game for the Wellington provincial side two weeks ago.

"In England, there are twice as many players as in New Zealand. There is no excuse for not being just as good."

Carr sends his best to team as they leave

By George Ace

A team colour photograph in an Irish morning newspaper which carried a World Cup supplement this week included Nigel Carr in the picture. A terrorist car bomb close to the Irish border which cost the lives of a Northern Ireland High Court judge and his wife and left Carr with head, rib, leg and ankle injuries, forced him to withdraw from the party which left Dublin yesterday on the first stage of the great adventure in the Southern Hemisphere.

Fortunately, Carr's two travelling companions on that fateful Saturday morning a few weeks ago, David Irwin and Phillip Rainey, escaped serious injury, and left yesterday. But Carr had fully earned his picture in the Ireland squad and it is a picture that will occupy an honoured place in the family album.

Non-participation in the inaugural World Cup competition for whatever reason after one has won selection is bound to cause immense disappointment; in the case of Carr it combines personal disappointment with an overwhelming sense of revulsion that a young man selected to play for an Ireland team in a world event and *en route* to a training session in Dublin should be a victim of such a dastardly action. It defies logical thinking.

Nigel Carr is not bitter. "I am very fortunate to be alive," he said yesterday. "Disappointed naturally, but when I look back on what happened I have a lot to be thankful for. I am looking forward to watching the games on television and I hope the lads do well; I have a feeling they will."

Carr's right ankle is still in plaster and will be for another three or four weeks but "the bumps and bruises have all but disappeared and my cracked ribs are clearly on the mend.

● Paul Thorburn gave his team colleagues a boost yesterday, confirming his fitness before the Welsh squad departed yesterday. The Neath full back, aged 24, missed the later stages of last season after breaking a collar-bone against France in Paris in February.

Thorburn said: "Of course I had my worries about making the World Cup at one time, but now it has happened I have no worries."

There was good news too for Scotland, who flew out to Auckland with the Welsh and Irish parties. John Rutherford, who suffered a knee injury in Bermuda last month, was given a clean bill of health.

Lafond blow for France

Jean-Baptiste Lafond of France, standby full-back to Serge Blanco, has pulled out of the World Cup after injuring an ankle in training. The French selectors have chosen Didier Camberabero as his replacement.

The Beziers stand-off won the last of his five caps against Wales in 1983. He has been more consistently successful with his kicking this season, which might have influenced the selectors' choice. After the withdrawal of Philippe Berot, Blanco had been made the main kicker.

Australia's coach, Alan Jones, highlighted the versatility of his squad when he named a scrum-half, Brian Smith, to play fly-half in tomorrow's international against South Korea in Brisbane. Smith will make his debut after injuries forced Jones to leave out Michael Lynagh, David Campese and Brett Papworth.

All three are likely to recover in time for the England game in Sydney a week tomorrow, although Lynagh's knee injury is still troubling him. Jones said on Sunday, when naming his 26-man squad, that worries over injuries to key players meant he had opted for all-rounders. One of those mentioned, Peter Grigg, replaces Campese, and Michael Cook claims his second cap in the centre against the Koreans.

Smith, who will also take over Lynagh's goal-kicking role, guaranteed his place with a fine display for Queensland against New South Wales.

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Signor Sam a leading candidate for Times final

Point-to-point by Brian Beel

With Woody Isle a doubtful starter, Signor Sam has emerged, after his second in the Guy Peate Memorial Novice Hunters' Chase at Folkestone on Tuesday, as a live candidate for *The Times* Championship Final at Towcester, a week today.

Signor Sam, a first foal by *Decent Fellow*, had three inauspicious outings over hurdles for Ben Wise before falling on his point-to-point debut at Heathfield last season.

After twice failing to complete this season, it came as a surprise when he won *The Times* qualifier at Aldington. The Folkestone race, however, showed this to be no fluke as he went under by only half a length to the useful Floating Around.

Nine horses engaged at Towcester had a wind-up race for the final in point-to-points last weekend and three of them won.

Hectic Flight, winner of the Berks and Bucks qualifier at Kingston Blount, returned to that venue to win his members' race; Maclennan, third in the Linlithgow and Stirling qualifier, won the maiden at Bogside; and Paddy Murphy beat his only opponent in the restricted open at the same meeting.

Paddy Murphy has already shown that he can cope with the stiffer fences when second in a division of the Heart of All England at Hexham on April 25.

Sharagain went one better than this, over next week's course, in the Jackson-Stops and Staff Final, but he was tailed off and pulled up at halfway in the adjacent at the West Norfolk.

None of last Saturday's other runners enhanced their prospects for next week's race except, perhaps, Paper Lady. She was noted running on well when second in the restricted at the Vale of Aylesbury, only half a length behind the winner, Mrs Sparks. Significantly, the time for that race was two seconds faster than the open won by one of the leading point-to-pointers, Paddy's Peril.

Roderick Anthony had no engagement last week but three weeks ago, at the Teme Valley and United, Tim Stephenson followed up his win in the adjacent hunts race at the Worcestershire by coming first in a division of the qualifier.

The Welsh will be well represented by the six-year-old mare, Kelly's Double, the mount of John Tudor. She has only run twice but on each occasion, in the maiden at the Vale of Clettwr and the qualifier at the Pentyrch, she put up the fastest time of the day. Of the 322 runners seen out in these events, she looks to have as much potential as any and could go close in the final.

With the series having been designed to bring on relatively inexperienced horses from the point-to-point field to the racecourse proper, the stiffer fences at Towcester could prove a great leveller. Only a few pounds separate the ability on point-to-point courses of most of the 48 who are entered so a very competitive race is in prospect.

ENTRIES: Sharagain, Akarakil, Ardcam, Baruto, Bunky Star, Copper Dynamo, Crown Estate, D'Arcy Spice, Dickie Bow, Forest Bar, French Lieutenant, Green Road, Hectic Flight, Holcombe Pal, Just A Snack, Kingford, Lochar Brig, Maclennan, Magical Day, Nemo Kybo, No Dreamer, Paddy Murphy, Pasikos, Picks Pinta, Red Diamond, Reuben Dewy, Roderick Anthony, Sea Express, Signor Sam, Sing River, Spanking, Transaction, Yankee Doodle, Del Mar, Dunton Lady, Fool's Pleasure, Grafton Maisey, Ivy Royal, Kelly's Double, Lady Coriander, Mistress Rock, Paper Lady, Q-Bee, Swift Sentence, Wayward Kate, Wold Song, Woody Isle, Yankee Lass.

Midyan and Mamouna to uphold classic form in top Newbury races

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Today's charity programme at Newbury, which has been organized to raise money for the British Red Cross, was framed around the Juddmonte Lockinge Stakes and the Sir Charles Clore Memorial Stakes. Appropriately, both races seem guaranteed to quicken the pulse.

With Teleprompter and his pacemaker Grand Harbour in the field, the Lockinge Stakes will certainly be an exciting race from the start.

Having been runner-up to Scottish Reel last year and second to Prismatic the season before, Teleprompter, Lord Derby's popular old warhorse, undoubtedly deserves to go one better and make it third time lucky. However, from a sentimental point of view, I feel sad to say that he may well do well to finish fourth and prefer Midyan, Then Again and Vertige in that order.

The presence of the two three-year-olds, Midyan and Risk Me, in the line-up is of particular interest as it will enable us to compare the current classic crop with their elders. And that is good for the breed.

Risk Me won the Greenham at Newbury on heavy ground last month but in the 2,000, which was run on faster ground, he was well behind Midyan, who was placed third after Most Welcome had been disqualified.

Before that, Midyan was runner-up in the Free Handicap to Noble Minstrel, who then went on to finish second in the French 2,000 Guineas at Longchamp last Sunday.

Now that he is meeting the most fancied of his elders on better than weight-for-age, Midyan is not likely to have a better chance of winning a race of this nature, always assuming that that hard scrap in the 2,000 Guineas did not take too much out of him. The fact that Henry Cecil, who can do no wrong at present, has decided to let him take his chance again so soon speaks for itself.

Willie Ryan, who takes the plum ride on Midyan in Newbury's Lockinge Stakes

Cecil is also running Presidium, who will carry the apricot colours of Lord Howard de Walden which were associated with Prismatic, the winner two years ago.

While Presidium is undoubtedly a fast horse and a good horse on his day, I still feel that his aggressive style of racing could easily prove counter-productive against Teleprompter and his pacemaker.

And, in theory, Teleprompter should not even beat Vertige now that he will be meeting him on worse terms than when they last clashed in the Trusthouse Forte Mile at Sandown last month when he was beaten a length.

The very nature of today's race — cut-throat from the start — seems bound to suit Then Again who has to be held up for a late burst the way he was when he won the Waterford Crystal Mile at Goodwood last year.

Then Again is now the subject of glowing reports from George Robinson, our eagle-eyed expert on Newmarket Heath, as indeed is Hadeer, the winner of the Hungerford Stakes on this course last season. But to put things into perspective, Hadeer did finish behind both Vertige and Teleprompter at Sandown last time out.

Like Then Again, Asteroid Field will also be held up and brought with as late a run as her jockey thinks possible. But by then I hope that Midyan, with his light weight, will have stolen a march.

Today's best bet, though, is **Mamouna**, who is taken to uphold classic form by winning the Sir Charles Clore Memorial Stakes even with such highly-rated individuals as Three Tails, Percy's Lass and Balabina among her opposition.

Third to Interval at Kempton first time out, my nap then finished strongly in fifth place in the 1,000 Guineas. Being by Vaguely Noble, she should do even better over today's longer distance and be very hard to beat.

She receives 9lb from Three Tails, whose training this spring has been interrupted by both a temperature and a bout of coughing, and 3lb from Percy's Lass, who never looked like beating Indian Skimmer in the Pretty Polly Stakes at Newmarket.

In hindsight, that was not surprising because Indian Skimmer was colossally impressive when winning the Musidora Stakes at York on Tuesday. However, I still feel that Indian Skimmer was a much better filly at York than she was at Newmarket and that the concession of even as little as 3lb to Mamouna will prove beyond Percy's Lass this afternoon.

Blinkered first time

NEWBURY: 2.0 Brave Trooper. 4.0 Quel Esprit. CARLISLE: 2.15 Ghirardelli Square. 4.15 Brimur.

NEWBURY

Selections

By Mandarin

2.00 Lucky Grand.
2.30 Rushluan.
3.00 Midyan.
3.30 MAMOUNA (nap).
4.00 Pagan Rite.
4.30 Fair Katrina.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.00 Lover's Secret.
2.30 Primitive Rising.
3.00 Then Again.
3.30 Mamouna.
4.00 Pagan Rite.
4.30 Lizzie Borden.

By Michael Seely

3.00 Teleprompter. 3.30 MAMOUNA (nap). 4.00 Pagan Rite.
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.30 MAMOUNA.

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 0-0432 TIMESFORM 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ..... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F-fell. P-pulled up. U-unseated rider. B-brought down. S-slipped up. R-refused). Horse's name. Days since last outing. (B-blinkers. V-visor. H-hood. E-Eyeshield. C-course winner. D-distance winner. CD-course and distance winner. BF-beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F-firm, good to firm, hard. G-good. S-soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

Going: good to firm **Draw: no advantage**

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101 (6) BRAVE TROOPER (B) (R Prettie) B Hanbury 8-11 ..... A J Geran (5) —
103 (8) DERRY RHYTHM (A Byrne) P Burgoyne 8-11 ..... B Rouse —
104 (3) GLENBURY (G Hill) C Hill 8-11 ..... W Carson —
106 (2) LOVER'S SECRET (Mrs V Milne) P Haslam 8-11 ..... T Williams —
108 (10) TEL CID (Newmarket Thoroughbred Racing) P Haslam 8-11 ..... G French —
109 (5) TRINITY (Mrs M Davis) R Hannon 8-11 ..... A McGlone —
113 (4) 04 ENCHANTING POL 8 (P Dimmock) P Cundell 8-6 ..... N Adams ● 99
114 (11) 22 GLUCINIUM 11 (BF) (D Cheer) M McCormack 8-6 ..... W Newnes 96
117 (9) IRISH SAFARI (G Pritchard-Gordon) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-6 ..... W Ryan —
119 (7) 01 LUCKY GRAND 6 (D,F) (G Hughes) M Usher 8-6 ..... M Wigham 93
121 (1) VALUED COLLECTION (T Ramsden) R Simpson 8-6 ..... S Whitworth —

BETTING: 7-2 Enchanting Pol, 9-2 Lucky Grand, 11-2 Glucinium, 7-1 Brave Trooper, 8-1 Glenbury, 10-1 Lover's Secret, Irish Safari, 12-1 Valued Collection, Trinity, 20-1 others.

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FORM ENCHANTING POL not disgraced in a competitive maiden on debut, last time (8-2) 4l 4th to My Home (7-13) in a Salisbury maiden auction event (5f, £1245, firm, May 7, 13 ran).
BRAVE TROOPER (foaled: Feb 11) is from a stable doing very well with its juveniles and is out of a mare who has produced speedy youngsters.
TEL CID (foaled: Feb 21 cost: 6,200gns) is by popular first season sire Aragon and from the Pat Haslam yard which fares better than most in this grade.
GLUCINIUM has already been beaten twice in selling company latest (8-3) a ¾l 2nd to Keth (8-9) with LUCKY GRAND (8-9) beaten 3¼l in 6th at Warwick (5f, £658, good to firm, May 4, 11 ran). Subsequently LUCKY GRAND (8-6) showed improved form to beat Mr Chatter Man (8-11) 2½l in a Bath seller (5f, £853, firm, May 9, 5 ran).
VALUED COLLECTION (foaled: Apr 19 cost: 10,000 gns) out of a dam who has produced a winner abroad. Trainer does well in this grade.
Selection: BRAVE TROOPER

2.30 ULTRAMAR HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £6,451: 1m 4f) (10 runners) BBC 2

201 (7) 10- TWEETER 199 (F) (J Garcia-Roady) G Harwood 9-7 ..... G Starkey 86
203 (6) 1-12 PRIMITIVE RISING 9 (BF,F,G) (S Niarchos) H Cecil 9-1 ..... S Cauthen ● 99
204 (10) 01-0 ATHENS GATE 10 (F) (R Sangster) J Watts 9-0 ..... C Asmussen 90
205 (5) 24-42 ROUSHAYD 13 (H H Aga Khan) R Johnson Houghton 8-12 ..... Pat Eddery 94
207 (1) 0214-0 BATTALION 42 (F) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Dunlop 8-8 ..... B Thomson 82
209 (4) 031- IVORY FIELDS 220 (F) (Mana Al Maktoum) M Stoute 8-5 ..... W R Swinburn 85
210 (2) 002-1 RUSHLUAN 20 (F) (F Salman) P Cole 8-4 ..... T Quinn 94
211 (8) 100- COUNTER ATTACK 226 (F) (Lord Porchester) W Hern 8-3 ..... W Carson 85
212 (9) 3001-10 OLORE MALLE 9 (F,G,S) (Mrs J Regler) R Hannon 8-0 ..... B Rouse 95
213 (3) 00421- ANGEL CITY 207 (S) (C Humphries) J Dunlop 7-13 ..... W Newnes 90

BETTING: 9-4 Roushayd, 3-1 Rushluan, 4-1 Primitive Rising, 6-1 Athens Gate, 8-1 Ivory Fields, 10-1 Tweeter, 12-1 Battalion, 16-1 others.

1986: AL SALITE 8-8 Pat Eddery (7-4 fav) J Dunlop 9 ran

FORM The well regarded PRIMITIVE RISING went down (9-5) by a neck to Timefighter (9-7) in a Chester handicap (1m 4f 65y, £3779, firm, May 6, 9 ran)
ROUSHAYD is improving (9-0) ran best race to date when a neck 2nd to Admiral s Inn (9-0) in a very good Newmarket maiden (1m 4f, £4624, good, May 2, 20 ran).
IVORY FIELDS has something to find on (8-11) a 2l defeat of Scattered Showers (8-11) in a Wolverhampton maiden (1m 1f, £1133, firm, Oct 7, 11 ran) but has plenty of scope for improvement.
RUSHLUAN found easy success when (9-0) going north to take a Beverley maiden (1m 2f, £1396, good to firm, Apr 25, 12 ran) by 7l from Cryptic (8-11).
OLORE MALLE has plenty of experience and won (9-7) an Epsom handicap (1m 110y, £2616, good, Apr 22, 18 ran) on penultimate start by 2½l from Street Legal (8-4).
ANGEL CITY was heavily backed when (8-11) beating In A Spin (8-8) 2½l in a Hamilton Auction event (1m 40y, £685, good to soft, Oct 20, 8 ran). He is from a stable whose representatives have tended to need the run.
Selection: RUSHLUAN

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per Cent
H Cecil	36	100	36.0
M Stoute	21	81	25.9
C Brittain	18	122	14.8
G Harwood	14	116	12.1
G P-Gordon	6	50	12.0
I Balding	29	243	11.9

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
S Cauthen	47	259	18.1
Pat Eddery	33	196	16.8
G Starkey	17	130	13.1
W Carson	37	308	12.0
W R Swinburn	16	145	11.0
W Newnes	12	115	10.4

3.0 JUDDMONTE LOCKINGE STAKES (Group II: £28,760: 1m) (9 runners) BBC 2

301 (3) 30210-2 TELEPROMPTER 21 (V,D,BF,F,G,S) (Lord Derby) J W Watts 7-9-6 ..... T Ives 93
302 (7) 101210- THEN AGAIN 211 (D,F,G,S) (R Shannon) L Cumani 4-9-4 ..... R Cochrane 93
303 (1) 0000-01 VERTIGE 21 (D,F,G,S) (D Wildenstein) P Biancone (Fr) 5-9-4 ..... A Cruz 92
304 (9) 04/0000- GRAND HARBOUR 253 (F,G) (Lord Derby) J W Watts 7-9-1 ..... A Mercer —
305 (4) 10100-3 HADEER 21 (C,F,G) (W Gredley) C Brittain 5-9-1 ..... Pat Eddery 91
307 (5) 02410-1 PRESIDIUM 18 (D,F,G,S) (Lord Howard de Walden) H Cecil 5-9-1 ..... S Cauthen 91
309 (6) 03014-4 ASTEROID FIELD 30 (D,BF,F,G,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) B Hills 4-8-12 C Asmussen 88
310 (2) 1421-23 MIDYAN 13 (F) (Prince A Faisal) H Cecil 3-7-13 ..... W Ryan 92
311 (8) 4422-10 RISK ME 13 (C,G,S) (L Norris) P Kelleway 3-7-13 ..... W Carson ● 99

BETTING: 11-4 Midyan, 7-2 Teleprompter, 9-2 Vertige, 8-1 Hadeer, Then Again, 10-1 Risk Me, 14-1 Presidium, 16-1 Asteroid Field, 100-1 Grand Harbour.

1986: SCOTTISH REEL 4-9-1 W R Swinburn (4-1) M Stoute 8 ran

FORM THEN AGAIN (8-10) was disqualified and placed last when hanging under pressure and finishing a neck 2nd to Lucky Ring (8-0) with PRESIDIUM (9-0) 5½l away 7th and HADEER (9-0) badly hampered and below form in 8th at Newmarket (7f, G3, £23306, good, Oct 16, 12 ran).
VERTIGE came late (9-0) to pip a brave but not fully wound up TELEPROMPTER (9-0) a length with HADEER (9-0), also just needing the race, a length further back in 3rd in the Group 2 Trusthouse Forte Mile at Sandown (1m, £28440, good, Apr 24, 8 ran).
PRESIDIUM showed marginal improvement on previous best when (9-4) beating Dallas (9-10) 2l on reappearance at Brighton (1m, £3716, firm, Apr 27, 13 ran).
ASTEROID FIELD looked to have a great chance first time out but needed race and finished (8-7) 4½l 4th to K-Battery (8-10) at Newmarket (1m 1f, G3, £21759, good, Apr 15, 10 ran). She is better judged on (8-6) a 2l defeat of Dusty Dollar (8-2) in a Doncaster Listed race (1m, £11862, good to firm, Sept 13, 10 ran).
MIDYAN ran a creditable race in the 2,000 Guineas (9-0) finishing ¾l 4th (later promoted to 3rd) to Don't Forget Me (9-0) with RISK ME (9-0) totally unsuited by the good ground 11½l back in 12th, Newmarket (1m, G1, £98928, May 2, 13 ran).
Selection: MIDYAN

3.30 SIR CHARLES CLORE MEMORIAL STAKES (3-Y-O Fillies: £10,665: 1m 2f) (8 runners) BBC 2

401 (1) 011- THREE TAILS 208 (G) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Dunlop 9-1 ..... S Cauthen 80
404 (2) 120- GOLDEN BRAID 232 (F) (Sir M Sobell) I Balding 8-9 ..... T Ives 87
406 (6) 1 MORCONETTE 31 (G) (Lord Rotherwick) W Hern 8-9 ..... W Carson 80
407 (8) 111-2 PERCY'S LASS 15 (F,G) (E Moller) G Wragg 8-9 ..... Paul Eddery 94
411 (4) BALABINA (K Abdulla) J Tree 8-6 ..... Pat Eddery —
414 (5) 2-30 MAMOUNA 15 (H H Aga Khan) M Stoute 8-6 ..... W R Swinburn ● 99
415 (7) 2 ON THE STAFF 25 (Mrs P Robinson) H Candy 8-6 ..... W Newnes 80
416 (3) 3230-0 STREET PARTY 21 (BF) (E Moller) G Wragg 8-6 ..... G Sexton 71

BETTING: 7-4 Percy's Lass, 5-2 Mamouna, 4-1 Three Tails, 6-1 Balabina, 10-1 Golden Braid, 12-1 Morconette, 20-1 others.

1986: PILOT BIRD 8-6 W Carson (14-1) W Hern 10 ran

FORM THREE TAILS was officially rated the best juvenile in Italy on a (8-11) length beating of Almatha (8-11) a length in a Group 2 event at San Siro (1m, £15762, good, Oct 19, 12 ran).
GOLDEN BRAID ran a shocker on latest start in the Hoover Fillies Mile and is much better judged on (8-7) a decisively beaten 2½l 2nd to Invited Guest (8-7) in the Waterford Candelabra Stakes at Goodwood (7f, G2, £19654, good, Aug 22, 6 ran).
MORCONETTE (8-11) beat a very good field of maidens on debut at Newmarket (7f, £4565, good, Apr 14, 17 ran). Guest Performer (8-11) finishing a neck 2nd.
MORCONETTE will appreciate the extra distance.
PERCY'S LASS (8-10) can consider herself unfortunate to meet the very high class Indian Skimmer (8-10) last time finishing 4l 2nd at Newmarket (1m 2f, £12642, good to firm, Apr 30, 15 ran). She will strip fitter here and run well.
BALABINA has for a long time been regarded as Jeremy Tree's main hope for the Oaks. By Nijinsky out of the dam of Peacetime she certainly has classic breeding but has had hold ups in her preparation.
MAMUNA will appreciate this trip, stayed on in very good style without being touched with the whip when (9-0) 5l 5th to Miesque (9-0) in the 1,000 Guineas at Newmarket (1m, G1, £83907, good to firm, Apr 30, 14 ran).
Selection: MAMOUNA

4.0 HUE-WILLIAMS STAKES (3-Y-O: £5,064: 6f) (11 runners) BBC 2

501 (9) 0311-00 SINGING STEVEN 13 (F,G,S) (Dr S Bennett) R Hannon 9-5 ..... B Rouse 87
502 (8) 04124-0 ABUZZ 13 (C,F,S) (Mrs C Brittain) C Brittain 8-11 ..... S Cauthen 85
504 (3) 4-0 ALBERT HENRY 10 (A Mansfield) R Voorspuy 8-9 ..... S Whitworth —
506 (1) 1120- FLOOSE 289 (C,F,S) (F Salman) P Cole 8-9 ..... T Quinn 86
507 (6) 43231-2 GILBERTO 46 (D,G) (Mrs M Landi) J Dunlop 8-9 ..... W Carson 80
508 (4) 01-30 HYDRAULIC POWER 13 (D,G) (M Salem) L Piggott 8-9 ..... Pat Eddery 98
511 (7) 4-1 PAGAN RITE 10 (F) (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 8-9 ..... W R Swinburn 90
512 (11) 430-030 QUEL ESPRIT 14 (B,D,G,S) (Miss L Morgan) M McCormack 8-9 ..... W Newnes 93
513 (10) 0 SHARP ECHO 30 (Miss M Sheriffe) J Tree 8-9 ..... S Raymont —
514 (5) 3003-41 SHARP REMINDER 25 (D,F,G) (R Jacobson) D Lang 8-9 ..... T Williams ● 99
519 (2) 10130- STRATHBLANE 227 (D,F,G) (A Struthers) J Dunlop 8-6 ..... B Thomson 81

BETTING: 3-1 Hydraulic Power, 7-2 Pagan Rite, 9-2 Sharp Reminder, 6-1 Gilberto, 8-1 Singing Steven, 10-1 Quel Esprit, 12-1 Strathblane, Floose, 16-1 others.

1986: GOVERNOR GENERAL 8-9 G Starkey (20-1) L Cottrell 13 ran

FORM SINGING STEVEN is not as great a force as he was as a juvenile, but far from disgraced when (8-0) 3l 6th to Haligate (8-12) in the Group 3 Palace House at Newmarket with ABUZZ (7-11) a 33/1 shot and out of contention. Last season ABUZZ (8-11) finished a creditable 4½l 4th to Sizzling Melody (9-0) in a Group 2 event at Doncaster (5f, £16776, good, Sep 13, 6 ran).
FLOOSE was not seen out after July, best effort (9-0) a neck 2nd to Wiganthorpe (9-0) at Haydock (6f, £8116, good to firm, July 5, 4 ran).
GILBERTO (8-11) should improve on seasonal debut when 2l 2nd to Sharblask (8-8) at Leicester (6f, £2545, soft, Mar 30, 8 ran) with SHARP REMINDER (8-12) just over ½l 4th.
Next time out SHARP REMINDER (8-0) beat Butsova (9-7) quite impressively by 5l at Kempton (5f, £4612, good, Apr 20, 9 ran) with QUEL ESPRIT (8-5) a length back in 3rd.
HYDRAULIC POWER, outpaced in the Guineas, earlier (9-3) 4½l 3rd to Noble Minstrel (9-7) in the Free Handicap at Newmarket (7f, £22338, good, Apr 15, 11 ran) with SINGING STEVEN (9-6) outpaced in 9th.
PAGAN RITE (8-11) looked impressive when a length winner from Whipper In (9-6) on Kempton reappearance (5f, £3189, firm, May 5, 13 ran) with ALBERT HENRY (8-11) outpaced.
Selection: HYDRAULIC POWER

4.30 FAWCETTS GARAGE GRADUATION STAKES (2-Y-O Fillies: £3,200: 5f) (5 runners)

602 (5) ALL TIME HIGH (Mrs B Clarke) G Lewis 8-8 ..... G Sexton —
603 (3) 3 FAIR KATRINA 8 (H Price) N Vigors 8-8 ..... P Cook —
605 (4) LIZZIE BORDEN (R Richards) C Brittain 8-8 ..... S Cauthen —
606 (1) MOHIBBAH (F Salman) P Cole 8-8 ..... T Quinn —
609 (2) YORK STREET 380 (R Holmes a Court) I Balding 8-8 ..... T Ives —

BETTING: 11-8 Mohibbah, 9-4 York Street, 4-1 Fair Katrina, 8-1 Lizzie Borden, 10-1 All Time High.

1986: FOREST FLOWER 8-8 S Cauthen (6-4 fav) I Balding 7 ran

BEVERLEY

Selections

By Mandarin

2.15 Sonsie Mo.
2.45 Carousel Rocket.
3.15 Veronica Ann.
3.45 Know All.
4.15 Medrar.
4.45 Reindeer Walk.
5.15 Illusive Icicle.

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2.15 Master Card.
2.45 —
3.15 Turmeric.
3.45 Rhazali.
4.15 Medrar.
4.45 REINDEER WALK (nap).
5.15 Illusive Icicle.

Going: good to firm **Draw: high numbers best**

2.15 LUND SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £1,030: 5f) (16 runners)

3 (8) 0 BRAVE INDIAN 21 (J Rampin) W Wharton 8-11 ..... R Curant —
4 (2) 00 CORNBOROUGH 21 (M W Easterby) M W Easterby 8-11 ..... D Leadbitter (5) —
5 (7) CROOKED ISLAND (W Jenks) P Rohan 8-11 ..... P Simms (7) —
8 (12) MASTER CARD (Mrs F Durr) F Durr 8-11 ..... G Baxter —
11 (3) PEMBERTON (E McMahon) P Rohan 8-11 ..... S Webster —
14 (13) 003 SILENT SURGE 10 (M St Quinton) M Brittain 8-11 ..... P Robinson 80
15 (9) 3 SONSIE MO 27 (BF) (H Hobson) J Berry 8-11 ..... S Perks 87
16 (15) 0 VAIGLY NICK 10 (M Wetherson Ltd) K Stone 8-11 ..... L Charnock —
17 (5) WESTWOOD WONDER (Mrs F Ord) M Brittain 8-11 ..... I Johnson —
19 (10) 33 ALMETISE 25 (BF) (M Bawn) B McMahon 8-6 ..... G Carter ● 99
24 (11) 2 BLOXWICH BEAUTY 25 (J Ross) G Moore 8-6 ..... M Fry 94
26 (14) 00 DUBLIN CHIME 10 (M Brittain) M Brittain 8-6 ..... A Munro (7) —
27 (16) FARM COTTAGE (T Wilson) T Barron 8-6 ..... B Raymond —
29 (1) 0 PRINCESS ROYAL 10 (Yorkshire Racing Club P Rohan 8-6 ..... Gay Kelleway (3) —
30 (6) QUALITAIR DUTCHESS (P Bottomley) K Stone 8-6 ..... P Burke (7) —
31 (4) 0000 THREE RONS 10 (Mrs V Hague) Ron Thompson 8-6 ..... R P Elliott 72

BETTING: 4-1 Almetise, 9-2 Bloxwich Beauty, 5-1 Sonsie Sue, 11-2 Silent Surge, 6-1 Crooked Island, Master Card, 8-1 Dublin Chime, Pemberton, 10-1 others.

1986: GREEN'S GALLERY 8-8 M Thomas (9-2) G Blum 9 ran

2.45 ESK HANDICAP (£1,705: 2m) (13 runners)

2 (10) 0420-40 CAROUSEL ROCKET 9 (S) (A Saccomando) R Whitaker 4-9-9 ..... D Mckeown 93
3 (7) 0/0-03 BUSTAMENTE 24 (T Motley) B Hills 4-9-3 ..... M Hills 87
5 (4) 0020-02 ROSTHERNE 25 (S) (Mrs N Nuttall) K Stone 5-8-11 ..... L Charnock ● 99
7 (3) 0200-44 FULL SPEED AHEAD 5 (Capt M Smyly) M Smyly 4-8-9 ..... R Curant 92
8 (6) 411424- STONE JUG 191 (F,G) (Miss S Hall) Miss S Hall 7-8-8 ..... B Raymond 87
10 (12) 03000-0 WARWICK SUITE 412 (V) (P Davies) M Naughton 5-8-5 ..... J Reid —
11 (9) 11/04-02 HOLLY BUOY 16 (CD,F,G) (R Wood) Mrs G Reveley 7-8-4 ..... R P Elliott 93
13 (13) 1440/30 BEAN BOY 6 (Miss S Nicholson) M H Easterby 9-8-3 ..... P Robinson 91
14 (2) 0220-04 DENALTO 13 (A Crawford) Denys Smith 4-8-2 ..... M Roberts 98
15 (1) 0/0300-0 DRY GIN 16 (L Naylor) M Chapman 4-8-1 ..... — —
16 (5) 0002-00 PERFECT DOUBLE 16 (D Allen) D Elsworth 5-7-9 ..... G Carter 87
17 (8) 0240-40 MOSSBERRY FAIR 10 (R Dineen) W Haigh 6-7-9 ..... M Fry 89
20 (11) 200000/ ARISTO TREAT 1336 (G Oldroyd) G Oldroyd 8-7-7 ..... P Burke (7) —

BETTING: 4-1 Rostherne, 5-1 Denalto, Full Speed Ahead, 6-1 Bustamente, Holly Buoy, 8-1 Dry Gin, Warwick Suite, 10-1 Mossberry Fair, 12-1 others.

1986: LEPRECHAUN LADY 4-8-6 M Thomas (10-1) S Norton 16 ran

3.15 RISBY HANDICAP (£2,762: 1m 4f) (10 runners)

1 (6) 02200-0 FRANGNITO 24 (British Thoroughbred Plc) G Balding 4-9-10 ..... J Williams ● 99
3 (3) 0030-21 VERONICA ANN 18 (D,F) (R E A Botti) C Nelson 4-9-6 ..... J Reid 98
4 (1) 0000-02 ABADJERO 10 (Marquesa de Moratalla) John FitzGerald 4-9-6 ..... — 88
6 (8) 2-01300 COMMON FARM 7 (C,S) (M Brittain) M Brittain 4-9-5 ..... P Robinson 97
7 (9) 00000/0 JIMJAMS 410 (G) (G Greenwood) M Naughton 7-9-3 ..... — —
8 (2) 3133-03 TURMERIC 6 (D,F) (Mrs D Morley) D Morley 4-9-0 ..... R Guest 98
12 (5) 00000-0 SWYNFORD PRINCE 46 (S) (Dualcast Hotels Ltd) K Stone 4-8-8 ..... P Burke (7) 98
13 (10) 0004-04 EASTERN PLAYER 36 (J Williams) M Chapman 4-8-7 ..... I Johnson 86
21 (7) 4300-00 SLAP BANG 7 (B) (W Palister) C Thornton 4-7-13 ..... S Dawson 95
22 (4) 000-100 APPLE WINE 7 (D,F,G,S) (T O'Gram) D Chapman 10-7-9 ..... — 94

BETTING: 11-4 Veronica Ann, 100-30 Turmeric, 4-1 Abadjero, 8-1 Frangnito, 8-1 Apple Wine, Eastern Player, 10-1 Slap Bang, 12-1 others.

1986: MENINGI 5-8-11 Kim Tinkler (5-1) N Tinkler 14 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per Cent
M Stoute	17	50	34.0
H Thomson Jones	11	36	30.6
G Harwood	7	31	22.6
C Thornton	12	57	21.1
J Spearing	9	49	18.4
M H Easterby	23	165	13.9

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
J Reid	11	53	20.8
P Robinson	9	72	12.5

Only qualifiers

3.45 EVERINGHAM MAIDEN STAKES (Div I: £962: 1m 100yd) (18 runners)

8 (11) LOCKHART FLAWSE (A W Jones) A Jones 4-9-6 ..... — —
10 (17) 2/3 RHAZALI 30 (P Wetzel) M Stoute 4-9-6 ..... A Kimberley 91
16 (15) 0-00 WILLIE THE MOON 10 (Whiteoaks Racehorses) C Spares 4-9-6 ..... A Proud 80
20 (10) 03- ALAJMI 213 (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 3-8-6 ..... P D'Arcy 84
21 (8) 00-0 ARDASHIR 10 (H H Aga Khan) R Johnson Houghton 3-8-6 ..... J Williams 92
29 (16) 44 KNOW ALL 11 (BF) (A Clore) L Cumani 3-8-6 ..... R Guest ● 99
31 (4) 40- NILOJEN 267 (J Duffell) G Huffer 3-8-6 ..... N Gwilliams (7) 4 81
32 (2) 2440-2 NORDAVANO 24 (A Balzarini) M Jarvis 3-8-6 ..... B Raymond 98
37 (13) 0-2 RUSSIAN AFFAIR 22 (M Browne) A Stewart 3-8-6 ..... M Roberts 96
39 (3) 0- SELECT COMPANY 267 (Anglo Enterprises S A) C Nelson 3-8-6 ..... J Reid 90
41 (7) 00 SHALCHLO BOY 24 (T Civil) W Wharton 3-8-6 ..... R Curant 72
46 (18) 00- VESTRIS 211 (K Abdulla) G Harwood 3-8-6 ..... A Clark 94
49 (1) 00-1 COCKATOO ISLAND 14 (F) (Lord Derby) G Pritchard-Gordon 3-8-3 ..... G Carter 94
55 (6) 000-0 KUMZAR 6 (N O'Shea) F Durr 3-8-3 ..... G Baxter —
57 (9) 0 MERRY ROUND UP 21 (Sheikh Ali Abu Khamsin) J Etherington 3-8-3 ..... S Webster —
59 (5) SALLY THOMAS (J Adams) W Haigh 3-8-3 ..... S Lawes —
61 (12) 0 SEA ISLAND 20 (A Struthers) J Dunlop 3-8-3 ..... NON-RUNNER —
63 (14) 0-0 TAIANA 11 (Mrs V del Bono) J Dunlop 3-8-3 ..... R Fox 80

BETTING: 3-1 Rhazali, 4-1 Know All 11, 11-2 Nordavano 24, 6-1 Russian Affair 22, Vestris, 8-1 Cockatoo Island, 12-1 Alajmi, Ardashir 10, Nilojen 267, 14-1 others.

1986: (1m 4f) KUDZ 3-8-3 N Day (2-7 fav) H Cecil 10 ran

4.15 HOUGHTON MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £855: 5f) (19 runners)

1 (12) 03- BOWERS FOLD 238 (Mrs C Geraghty) M W Easterby 9-0 ..... — 98
2 (19) 00- CHAMPION JOKER 262 (B Kan) J Etherington 9-0 ..... S Webster —
4 (8) 0 DOUBLY BLESSED 10 (Lord J Fitzgerald) John FitzGerald 9-0 ..... R Fox 80
5 (10) 00-0 FLOPET 18 (M McCormack) M McCormack 9-0 ..... M Hills —
6 (13) 0 GARI MI 23 (Mrs I Reichler) K Ivory 9-0 ..... A Shoults (3) —
7 (3) 00-0 I PROMISED 6 (B) (A Balding) J Balding 9-0 ..... N Day —
8 (1) 0 KATANACHIO 29 (B Hamoud) G Huffer 9-0 ..... G Carter —
9 (9) 04 MEDRAR 17 (B) (H H Prince Y Saud) W O'Gorman 9-0 ..... M Banner 90
16 (16) 0-0 SUMMER TRIP 25 (Dr D Davis) M Blanshard 9-0 ..... J Reid 70
18 (18) 3-0 TIGER RIVER 189 (B Roberts) M W Easterby 9-0 ..... D Leadbitter (5) —
21 (4) 00-32 BENZ BELLE 6 (T Bennett) M H Easterby 8-11 ..... G Baxter 94
22 (5) 00- BETTY BLUE 289 (F Carter) E Carter 8-11 ..... — —
23 (17) BUNNYLOCH (P Heap) J Etherington 8-11 ..... — —
24 (6) 00-0 CINDERELLA DEREK 11 (Mrs H Myers) M McCormack 8-11 ..... S Horsfall (5) 78
30 (15) 044-0 LITTLE UPSTART 30 (Mrs E Lambton) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-11 ..... B Raymond 82
31 (14) MOTHER COUNTRY (Ruth Lady Halifax) W Hastings-Bass 8-11 ..... R Lines (3) —
34 (2) 0003-00 SENDIM ON SAM 6 (C Buckton) M W Easterby 8-11 ..... M Hindley 90
35 (7) SOUTHERN DUTCHESS (H Reed) A Stewart 8-11 ..... M Roberts —
36 (11) 2- WANTAGE PARK 221 (G Mills) M Ryan 8-11 ..... P Robinson ● 99

BETTING: 3-1 Benz Belle,

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RACING

Gallant Verd-Antique wears down Kazaroun to land Yorkshire Cup

By Michael Seely

Verd-Antique gave Henry Cecil and Steve Cauthen a triumphant climax to the York spring meeting when beating Kazaroun by a short head in yesterday's Yorkshire Cup.

This victory gave the trainer his sixth and Cauthen his fifth success of the fixture. Cauthen went on to add to his score when Pillar Of Wisdom won the concluding Glasgow Stakes for Olivier Douieb.

The Yorkshire Cup was a marvellous race to watch. Both the former champion and Walter Swinburn on the runner-up excelled themselves. Swinburn stole first run by kicking for home just inside the two-furlong marker and it was only in the final stride that the 7-4 favourite managed to snatch the verdict.

"You've got to get hold of him and shake him up before he understands the message," said Cauthen afterwards.

Cecil was full of praise for Sheikh Mohammed's gallant four-year-old, who has had so many training problems. "The horse did well to win and he was caught flat-footed.

"If we find he's got enough speed for a mile and a half we might go for the Hardwicke Stakes. If not there are races like the Queen's Vase and the Ascot Gold Cup." Bonhomie, Warren Place's leading candidate for the country's principal race for stayers, will have his preliminary in the Henry II Stakes at Sandown.

Earlier in the day, after Sir Noel Murless's funeral, Cecil had received the news that Shottermill, an unraced two-year-old full sister to Reference Point had had to be destroyed at Newmarket. "It's tragic," he said. "She broke a hind leg during a canter on Warren Hill."

In the other pattern race, the Duke of York Stakes, the bookmakers, heavily hit by Reference Point's victory on Wednesday, obtained their revenge when Hallgate and Greville Starkey could only finish second to Cash Asmussen on Handsome Sailor.

The 5-4 favourite and Governor General, the third horse home, had raced on their own in the middle of the track as the eventual winner was leading the remainder of the runners on the stands rails side.

"It was only the draw that did us," said Alan Bailey, Hallgate's trainer. "We are now going for the King's Stand Stakes and the July Cup. The horse won't be beaten again this year."

Owned by Robert Sangster and trained by Barry Hills at Manton, Handsome Sailor won two races for Michael Dickinson in 1986. "He's a very plucky horse," said Hills. "He broke a pastern when winning on this course last year. He ran well from a bad draw at Newmarket and I want to run him over seven furlongs in due course."

The trainer went on to say that Colchis, who ran so disappointingly behind Reference Point, will now miss the Derby. "However, I want to send Sir Harry Lewis, my Dee Stakes winner, to Epsom. That will be his next race as we're not now going to send him to Paris for the Prix Lupin on Sunday."

Hills added that Bourbon Girl was suffering from sore shins after finishing second to Indian Skimmer in Tuesday's Musidora Stakes, but that he still hopes to produce Khaled Abdulla's filly fit and fancied for the Oaks.

Ben Hanbury, who had shown us a Royal Ascot two-year-old when Slip And Stick won on Wednesday, had his second victory of the meeting when Ludovica Bruno, the champion lady rider of Italy, drove Samhaan to a short-head victory over Taylormade Boy in the Lanson Ladies International Challenge. "I thought the girl rode a great race," said the trainer.

That always competitive and informative handicap, the Norwest Holst Trophy, resulted in an easy win for Colway Rally, whom Lindsay Charnock brought home three lengths ahead of Hard Act. Charnock has now ridden five winners since successful on Eight Mile Rock at Chester last Thursday.

"He's a very useful horse when things go his way," said Bill Watts, the winning trainer. "He saw too much daylight when third to Bin Shaddad at Newmarket. I thought he was a villain last year and entered him in the sales, but I withdrew him after he won at Redcar."

Peter Easterby, successful with Royal Fan on Tuesday, struck another blow for Yorkshire when Jimmy Bleasdale rode Canon Law to a hard-fought win over Oakworth in the Yorkshire Maiden Stakes.

This win gave Pat Muldoon his first victory at York since Sea Pigeon and Sonnen Gold had given the Edinburgh wine and spirits merchant a double at the Ebor meeting in 1979.

Yesterday's results

York

Going: good to firm, back straight, good

2.0 (5f) 1, CANON LAW (J Bleasdale, Evens fav); 2, Oakworth (S Cauthen, 6-5); 3, Kafu Warrior (M Wood, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 14 Fashion Trend (4th). 4 ran. ¾l, 4l, 15l. M H Easterby at Great Habton. Tote: £1.80. DF: £1.40. CSF: £2.45. 1min 01.59sec.

2.35 DUKE OF YORK STAKES (Group III: £18,495: 6f)

HANDSOME SAILOR ch c by Some Hand – Found At Sea (R Sangster) 4-9-0 C Asmussen (14-1) 1

Hallgate b c by Vaigly Great – Beloved Mistress (T Ramsden) 4-9-8 G Strkey (5-4 fav) 2

Governor General b c by Dominion – Law and Impulse (R Richards) 4-9-0 B Rouse (6-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 7-2 Gwydion (5th), 6 Bollin Knight (4th), 16 Cutting Blade, 20 Butsova, 33 Tinterosse, Amigo Sucio (6th). 9 ran. 2l, nk, ½l, 7l, 1½. B Hills at Manton. Tote win: £12.10. Places: £1.90, £1.30, £1.80. DF: £12.30 CSF: £31.23. 1min 12.58sec.

3.5 (7f) 1, COLWAY RALLY (L Charnock, 7-2 fav); 2, Hard Act (Pat Eddery, 11-2); 3, Tauber (R Fox, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Kristal Rock (4th), 8 Einstein, 9 Lochiwor, 11 Darley Knight, 12-1 Crofter's Cline (5th), His Highness, Plague O Rats, 20 Macrobian, Norgabie, 25 Count Trevisio (6th), 33 Kivarnet. 14 ran 3l, hd, ¾l, 4l, hd. J Watts at Richmond.

Tote: £3.90; £1.50, £2.00, £12.20. DF: £7.80 CSF: £22.99. Tricast: £512.28. 1min 27.37sec.

3.40 (1m 1f) 1, SAMHAAN (Ludovica Bruno, 11-2 jt-fav); 2, Taylormade Boy (Ghislaine Leconte, 11-2 jt-fav); 3, Rockmartin (Carolyn Eddery, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Running Flush, Smiling Bear, 8 Vague Melody, Honest Toil, 10 Jazetas (6th), 12 Prince Merandi (4th), 14 Blenders Choice, 20 Moores Metals (5th) 11 ran. sh hd, 1½l, 3l, ½l, 1½l. B Hanbury at Newmarket. Tote: £6.10, £1.80, £1.90, £2.50. DF: £17.00. CSF: £32.07. Tricast: £236.23. 1min 56.12sec. Iktiyar (14-1) was withdrawn, rule four applies to all bets. Deduct 5p in the pound.

4.10 YORKSHIRE CUP (Group II: £25,389: 1m 6f)

VERD-ANTIQUE b c by Shirley Heights – Vejana (Sheikh Mohammed) 4-8-9 S Cauthen (7-4 fav) 1

Kazaroun b h by Alleged – Korinetta (E Sacchetti) 5-8-9 W R Swinburn (11-2) 2

Mister Big Louie b c by Alleged – Sweet Tooth (J Lundy) 4-8-9 A Cruz (16-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 3 Valuable Witness (5th), 7-2 Phardante (6th), 12 Chaumiere, Hauwmal (4th). 7 ran. sh hd, 2½l, sh hd, 5l, 1½l. H Cecil at Newmarket. Tote win: £2.80. Places: £1.70, £3.00. DF: £10.40. CSF: £11.84. 3min 08.89sec.

4.45 (6f) 1, PAPERELLI (D Nicholls, 14-1); 2, Silver Haze (A Culhane, 10-1); 3, Gothic Ford (W Carson, 6-1); 4, Norapa (P Robinson, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Canango, 6 Another Guest, 10 Chonzo, Dancing Bell Knockin' Express, 12 Prospect Place, 14 Africa Spirit, Clown Streaker (6th), Sandall Park, 25 Gallant Gallios, Spanish Slipper (5th), Sky Cat. 16 ran. 1½l, 4l, 2½l, 1l, 1l. T Barron at Thirsk. Tote: £23.90; £4.10, £2.40, £1.70, £2.90. DF: £144.20. CSF: £152.323. Tricast: £867.78. 1min 13.36sec. After stewards inquiry result stands.

5.15 (1m 2f 110yd) 1, PILLAR OF WISDOM (S Cauthen, 7-2); 2, Bali Magic (Pat Eddery, 4-1); 3, Albacore (W Carson, 9-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 5 Forcing Bid (4th), 7 Lions Gate, 8 Isleback (5th), 12 Young Commander (6th). 7 ran. 1½l, 5l, 8l, 1½l, 15l. O Douieb at Newmarket. Tote: £4.20; £2.60, £2.00. DF: £6.90. CSF: £17.75. 2min 14.47sec.

Jackpot: Not won. Placepot: £35.15.

3.45 (3m ch) 1, Needwood Nomad (Mr J Ralton, 5-4 jt-fav); 2, Plot Pane (5-4 jt-fav); 3, Lonesome Park (4-1). 3 ran. nk, 1l. Mrs J Ralton. Tote: £1.60. DF: £1.90. CSF: £2.96. After a stewards' inquiry the result stood.

4.20 (2m hdle) 1, Bickerman (Miss G Armytage, 5-1); 2, Naskracker (7-4 on fav); 3, Sam's Tickel (20-1). 8 ran. NR: Sohail, Walk in Rhythm, Arctic Reef. ½l, 12l. J Spearing. Tote: £4.10; £1.60, £1.20, £1.10. DF: £2.00. CSF: £8.40.

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4.50 (2m 4f) 1, Kyoto (S Smith Eccles, 4-6 fav); 2, Trusty Catcher (25-1). Only two finished. 4 ran. dist. J Jenkins. Tote: £1.80. DF: £13.50. CSF: £10.31.

5.20 (2m flat) 1, Gaye Le Moss (M Muggeridge, 9-1); 2, Blaze A Trail (14-1); 3, C Est La Vie (3-1). Dockland Express 7-4 fav. 18 ran. NR: Aban Way, Soraway. 7l, ¾l. Mrs M Rimell. Tote: £8.90; £3.50, £2.90, £2.00. DF: £45.30. CSF: £138.67.

Placepot: £250.35

Ludlow

Going: hard

2.15 (2m hdle) 1, The Owls (M Ahern, 2-1 fav); 2, Hounstout (8-1); 3, Bold Roderick (9-2). 17 ran. NR: Great Owing. 12l, 2½l. J Jenkins. Tote: £5.10; £2.70, £3.30, £3.50. DF: £17.60. CSF: £21.91.

2.45 (2m 5f hdle) 1, Rahiib (P Scudamore, 5-2 fav); 2, Misaati (7-2); 3, Marry Tom (9-2). 10 ran. 12l, 6l. M Pipe. Tote: £2.80; £1.70, £2.00, £2.10. DF: £5.70. CSF: £12.48. Tricast: £35.87.

3.15 (3m ch) 1, Kay-Wood (R Beggan, 25-1); 2, Red Nick (14-1); 3, Vimpol (25-1). Our Gracie 5-2 fav. 12 ran. ½l, 1l. Mrs M Thomas. Tote: £32.50; £5.30, £3.60, £7.50. DF: £95.80. CSF: £310.21

Wednesday's late returns

Worcester

Going: firm

7.30 (2m 4f ch) 1, Roodle Doodle (Miss V Williams, 4-1); 2, Ace Of Spies (5-4 fav); 3, Hopwas (33-1). 12 ran. ½l, 1l. O Carter. Tote: £4.90; £1.20, £1.60, £2.80. DF: £5.30. CSF: £9.80. Tricast: £154.41.

8.0 (3m ch) 1, Aboushabun (B Powell, 7-1); 2, Woodland Generator (20-1); 3, Shpalong (6-1). Final Clear 5-4 fav. 8 ran. 20l, 7l. G Ham. Tote: £5.70; £1.90, £4.10, £2.10. DF: £168.90. CSF: £100.69. Tricast: £795.27.

8.30 (2m 4f hdle) 1, New Gold Dream (R Dunwoody, 5-2); 2, Joist (4-9 fav); 3, Dudley's Impact (10-1). 6 ran. 1½l, 15l. D Nicholson. Tote: £3.50; £1.10, £1.20. DF: £1.40. CSF: £3.86.

Placepot: £45.85.

STRATFORD

Selections

By Mandarin

6.15 Chief Pal. 6.45 Ron Canello. 7.15 Woodside Road. 7.45 Classified. 8.15 Devil's Run. 8.45 Moel Fammau.

Going: good to firm

6.15 OXHILL NOVICE HURDLE (4-Y-O: £856: 2m) (13 runners)

4 0P01 ALDINGTON BELL 7 (F) C Tinkler 11-3 ... W Knox (4)
5 3021 CHIEF PAL 15 (D,F) N Gaselee 11-3 ... R Dunwoody
6 2410 FORT LINO 76 (CD,S) C Holmes 11-3 ... K Burke (4)
11 0001 MISTS OF TIME 25 (D,F) (D) C Vernon Miller 11-3 ... K Mooney
14 0301 RUN FOR YOUR WIFE 14 (D,F) Miss B Sanders 11-3 ... R Chapman
18 4 AAH JIM BOY 154 R Akehurst 10-10 ... Dale McKeown
20 0P FIREPROOF 52 D Marks 10-10 ...
25 003 MEVAGISSEY 13 (BF) N Henderson 10-10 ... S Smith Eccles
31 0C30 ROSTREAMER 20 C Bravery 10-10 ... H Davies
33 PP THE HUYTON VICTORY 94 W Mann 10-10 ... T Wall
39 MRS PEPPERPOT 13 Mrs I McKie 10-5 ...
40 0/0U PERSIAN BLADE 15 J Elliott 10-5 ... Mrs C Elliott
41 FP0P THE TULSA QUEEN 11 D Bell 10-5 Miss S Lawrence (7)

5-2 Chief Pal, 7-2 Mevagissey, 9-2 Mists Of Time, 6-1 Aldington Bell, 6-1 Aah Jim Boy, 10-1 Run For Your Wife.

6.45 NEEDHAM & JAMES NOVICE HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £1,724: 2m 6f) (16)

3 F-1 RON CANELLO 7 (F) R Astle 11-12-6 ... A James (7)
4 ABBEY PARK C Green 11-12-0 ... G Upton (7)
5 2/3P ARCTIC MARINER 64 J Shears 9-12-0 ... A Walter (4)
6 00/ CAMERATA 1323 K Hooper 8-12-0 ... M Felton (5)
9 GOLDEN ROOTS 1197 R Lane 8-12-0 ... R Lane (7)
11 3.P3 HILL OF BARRA 9 (B) A King 9-12-0 ... A Jones (7)
12 F KING NEON 25 G Cook 7-12-0 ... Miss S Johnston (7)
13 3 LULHAM BRIDGE 66 Mrs V Goodchild 9-12-0 ... G Hanmer (7)
14 -432 LYNNS DELIGHT 6 (BF) E Chapman 11-12-0 ... W Bryan (7)
15 0- MOANMORE 373 Mrs J England 13-12-0 ... J Sharp (4)
16 PEMBROKESHIRE LAD T Warner 6-12-0 ... Mr T Houlbrooke (7)
18 RUSSELLS KNOCKOUT G Gracey 8-12-0 ... P Townsley (7)
19 3103 TRUE BLOOM 25 (S) G Tarry 8-12-0 ... G Tarry (7)
22 224 PENTINO 9 R Weaving 7-11-9 ... Mrs J Saunders (7)
23 PP/1 REEBOK 6 (F) W Bland 10-11-9 ... Miss G Young (7)
25 0-PP WELSH LOG 6 B Leighton 11-11-9 ... M Price (7)

11-4 True Bloom, 4-1 Ron Canello, 9-2 Hill Of Barra, 5-1 Pentino, 7-1 Reebok, 9-1 Arctic Mariner, 12-1 Lynns Delight.

7.15 PRINTERS' PAPERCHASE (£1,688: 3m 2f) (9)

1 F1P1 CASTLE ANDREA D Jeffries 5-12-0(6ex) ... M Jenkins
2 UP11 WOODSIDE ROAD 22 (B,F) D Nicholson 7-11-10 ... R Dunwoody
4 PP13 STEEL YEOMAN 25 (B,D,S) J Gifford 9-11-7 ... Peter Hobbs
8 0103 PREMON'S LAST 25 (S) J Old 11-10-7 ... C Llewellyn (7)
12 P3-P TIGER TED 49 P Sayer 7-10-0 ... P Dever
13 0-02 WINNING CLOVER 25 R Blakeney 9-10-0 ... Judy Blakeney (7)
14 0P00 HOPEFUL SAINT 30 (S) W Kemp 9-10-0 ... M Perrett
16 0024 DUST CONQUERER 7 Miss B Sanders 5-10-0 ... R Chapman
17 PP/ APETA'S SUN 1101 J Elliott 11-10-0 ... Mrs C Elliott

13-8 Woodside Road, 100-30 Steel Yeoman, 4-1 Castle Andrea, 13-2 Winning Clover, 9-1 Premon's Last.

7.45 RODD BAKER GOLD CUP HANDICAP CHASE (£3,267: 2m 6f) (8)

2 2PF0 VOICE OF PROGRESS 20 (F,G,S) D Nicholson 9-11-11 ... R Dunwoody
3 2134 FUDGE DELIGHT 37 (G,S) O Sherwood 8-11-1 ... S Sherwood
4 U24U CLASSIFIED 41 (C,F,G,S) N Henderson 11-10-12 ... S Smith Eccles
6 PP31 KYOTO 9 (F,G) (CD) J Jenkins 9-10-10(9ex) ...
7 U002 INDAMELODY 13 (G,S) N Henderson 9-10-9 ... J White
9 UF34 BRIGHT OASSIS 11 (CD,BF,F,G,S) K Bailey 11-10-5 ... P Croucher
13 33F4 KAMIR 11 (F,G,S) A Jarvis 7-10-0 ... T Jarvis
18 2120 SILENT ECHO 13 (C,BF,F,G,S) A Blackmore 12-10-0 ... Miss G Armytage

11-4 Kyoto, 7-2 Fudge Delight, 9-2 Indamelody, 11-2 Classified, 8-1 Bright Oassis, 10-1 Voice Of Progress.

8.15 DORSINGTON HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,520: 2m) (11)

5 3401 AUNTIE DOT 29 (D,G,S) J Webber 6-11-7 ... G Mernagh
10 0130 DEVIL'S RUN 42 (D,G,S) T Bulgin 4-11-2 ... B de Haan
11 0000 SICILIAN PASSAGE 7 (CD,G) D Nicholson 5-11-2 ... R Dunwoody
12 00- SUPER TEK 511 (D,F,G) R Akehurst 9-11-1 ... Dale McKeown (4)
13 F00P MAFOO'S TOKEN 15 (D,F,G) A Moore 7-11-1 ... G Moore
14 4000 BALLYWEST 15 (D,F) R Hodges 9-10-12 ... H Davies
15 -303 TAXIADS 11 (S) N Henderson 5-10-12 ... D Hood (7)
20 0000 STORMY MONARCH 55 (D,G,S) G H Jones 6-10-7 ... G Jones
21 132P WALHAN 11 (D,F,G,S) C Jackson 7-10-5 ... A O'Hagen
25 00P2 SANDMOOR COURT 25 (D,F,G,S) J Payne 9-10-0 ... M Perrett
30 0004 OUR CHICKLETTE 164 (D,G) A Gonsalves 5-10-0 ... R Chapman

5-2 Auntie Dot, 7-2 Devil's Run, Taxiads, 11-2 Sandmoor Court, 10-1 Walhan, 12-1 Sicilian Passage, Ballywest.

8.45 BISHOPTON NOVICE HANDICAP HURDLE (£915: 2m) (15)

5 121 MOEL FAMMAU 27 (S) S Christian 4-1-7 ... A Mulholland (7)
6 3031 ANY BUSINESS 25 (D,F) R Akehurst 5-11-6 ... Dale McKeown
7 3120 SOHAIL 48 (D,BF,S) C Holmes 4-11-3 ... P Nicholls
8 243 ROAD TO KELLS 150 C Benstead 5-11-2 ... M Harrington
9 4134 BENDICKS 11 (D,S) A Moore 5-11-2 ... G Moore
14 0F00 RATHAL 20 D Nicholson 4-10-11 ... R Dunwoody
17 0300 NAMOOS 14 (B) A Moore 6-10-9 ... Candy Moore (4)
20 4200 MASKEEN 188 A Gonsalves 5-10-9 ... R Chapman
24 0022 DEBBIES PRINCE 25 C Bravery 6-10-7 ... H Davies
28 PP00 KNOCK HARD 7 (G) J Francome 8-10-6 NON-RUNNER
31 0200 MR GRAPEFRUIT 13 A Nightingale 5-10-2 ... P Dever
37 00-P MISS BRANTRIDGE 18 A Moore 5-10-0 ... W Morris
38 00P FORTINA'S FOX FIRE 18 J Morris 7-10-0 S Mitchell (7)
39 0-U0 DAWN JUSTICE 13 J Bukovets 5-10-0 ... S Cusack (7)
41 0PPU LADY SAXON 11 J Elliott 8-10-0 ... Mrs C Elliott

9-4 Moel Fammau, 11-4 Any Business, 9-2 Road To Kells, 8-1 Sohail, 10-1 Bendicks, 12-1 Debbies Princ, 14-1 Rathal.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: N Henderson, 11 winners from 58 runners, 19.0%; J Webber, 11 from 60, 18.3%; D Nicholson, 12 from 91, 13.2%; J Gifford, 5 from 38, 13.2%; J Jenkins, 6 from 50, 12.0%.

JOCKEYS: S Sherwood, 9 winners from 31 rides, 29.0%; K Mooney, 9 from 51, 17.6%; S Smith Eccles, 12 from 75, 16.0%; R Dunwoody, 11 from 75, 14.7%.

● Kyoto, a winner at Ludlow yesterday and also successful at Wetherby on May 6, goes for a quick treble at Stratford this evening (7.45).

David Miller hopes the spirit of Carter will flow in Ardiles

Little men with big hearts

"Give me a good forward line, and to hell with the dissent!" The philosophy of Raich Carter, possibly England's greatest inside forward, is one of the lost virtues of the game. We must hope that one or two of those at Wembley tomorrow will have some of his moves in their veins.

It is 50 years ago that Carter led Sunderland to victory against Preston North End in the Cup and the link with the present is that Tottenham Hotspur have the most accomplished player of the past dozen years in England in Ardiles, their little Argentinian. Carter may have had an exceptional goal-scoring record, with 216 goals in 451 League matches, but the similarity – although I only saw him twice – with Ardiles is unmistakeable.

Small and mobile, superb passers of the ball, always available to colleagues at either end of the pitch either to assist when in trouble or to set up some creative move, Carter and Ardiles epitomize the function of the true midfield player. Carter's left foot, which could put the ball in the net in a twinkling from 30 yards was one of those rare bonuses.

He nearly went to Leicester. The Midlands club had a scout in the North East who lived next door to the pub which Carter's father ran, but when he went South for a trial, the manager at Leicester told him: "You'd better go back home and grow up, son." Before the end of the season he was in the Sunderland first team, ingenious even at 17.

"I should get the ball away, son," Alf Strange, the England international, advised him while playing against Sheffield Wednesday in October, 1932. "Yes, Mr Strange," politely replied the slight teenager, aware of the inference that he would feel the end of Strange's boot if he did not.

"It was almost from that moment that I realized the value of distributing the ball, of pacing one's self and this became an intricate part of my game," Carter recalls. Such is his reputation that although, with his career split by the Second World War, he only won 13 caps, he is to this day talked of in the best of all English forward lines: Matthews, Carter, Lawton, Mannion, Finney. Yet all five never played together, with one or other always absent in those free-wheeling post-war years of the international domination.

In January 1952, with Carter now 39, and player/manager of Hull, they beat Manchester United 2-0. The inimitable Don Davies of the Manchester Guardian wrote afterwards: "It was said of Whistler, probably by himself, that he mixed his paints with brains. That is what Carter does with football. One of these days he will dispense with the formality of shorts and take the field in tail coat and striped trousers."

Raich Carter: painted the beautiful game at Wembley

"There was no coaching in those days, we played by instinct," Carter says. "When I hear about managers spending an hour and a half with the players in the dressing room after the match it makes me laugh. What can he tell them. If they are not good enough, he signed the wrong players in the first place. The first time you see a player, you know what he has or has not, and it will not change for the rest of his life."

Johnny Cochrane, the Sunderland manager in the 1930s, had an intuitive feeling for players, but once he had signed them he never discussed the game. "Who are we playing today?" He would ask 10 minutes before the match, and merely tell his team to go out and knock the ball about. Carter's goal, the second, in Sunderland's 3-1 win was one of the best seen at Wembley, and following some incomparable football in the wartime years with an RAF team bristling with internationals, he returned to Wembley in the first season afterwards, in an unforgettable partnership with Peter Doherty, to take the Cup again with Derby County.

"Throughout my career, I was always conscious of the supporters," Carter says. "When you've travelled to the ground in a bus, and saw them walking along in their scarves in their thousands, you could not but help go out and try to win for them. My enduring satisfaction is the pleasure that I know I was able to give to other people."

They were hard days, the 1930s. As a schoolboy he would walk to and from the matches, an overcoat over his kit, and if the youngsters had a penny or two between them as they walked back afterwards, they would go into a greengrocer or baker and persuade him to give them some bruised fruit or stale cake.

"When I think of what we went through in those days, for £8 a week, to win the League and the Cup for Sunderland in successive years, it makes me weep to see what a man like McMenemy has done to the club despite all that money he has had."

Standing in the firing line in defence of Hoddle's skills

Simon Barnes

GERALD BROADHEAD

I sometimes have moments of terrible vertigo in the Press boxes of football grounds. At the end of the game, I will hear two wise football journalists in conversation: "For me, Bumstead was man-of-the-match." "Didn't put a foot wrong, did he?" And I feel a dizzying rush of confusion overwhelm me: Who the hell is Bumstead? Which side was he on? What did he do in the game?

There is a place in life for solid, steady, professional virtues. When you are at work, for example. But when I go to a football match, I want something else. Genius, glory, inspiration, beauty, joy. All that sort of stuff. When you play football, you are happy to mark tight, play 10 at the back, and win by a single fluked goal. But when you watch: well, you want something more. At least I do.

And so for years I have carried the burden of being the most devoted admirer of Glenn Hoddle. To confess such an affliction in a serious footballing conversation would always bring a great chorus of pshaws and bahs, and will also bring you hours of vilification. "Hoddle doesn't tackle, Hoddle doesn't get stuck in. Hoddle doesn't chase and harry, Hoddle doesn't defend well, Hoddle is inconsistent." To all this, I say 'Fiddledeedee!"

Brian Clough is the man to have beside you in an argument about football. "You don't have to bare your false teeth to show you are a real he-man in football," he said. "Some people are morally brave, and Hoddle is one of them.

Criticized for his non-involvement

I've heard him criticized for non-involvement, but I'm not sure what that means. If you can compensate with more skills in one foot than most players have in their whole body, then that is compensation enough."

Hoddle himself says: "Unlike the Brazilians, we start looking for faults as soon as we recognize a player's skill. I've had it pushed down my throat ever since I was a kid. Of course, the runners and tacklers are part of the game, but people don't have a go at them if they can't play 40-yard balls or go past three men at a time. They don't expect them to do the things skilful players are good at... that is the way we are in England."

There is a great mistrust of the exceptional in British football, or maybe I mean in Britain. There is a great worship of mediocrity: the most loved heroes are the ordinary blokes who make good by playing within their limitations. I think the ultimate British sporting hero was David Steele, the mild, bespectacled batsman who looked like a grocer, and who was drafted in from nowhere to defy Lillee and Thomson. His wonderful heroic competence delighted us.

But an athlete of outrageous talent is, in Britain, someone waiting for his come-uppance. Someone who is so sharp he will cut himself. In the morality tale of George Best's Progress, it slowly became clear that Best was not villain but victim, that the public were not his audience, but his enemies. He was skilful and wondrously gifted, and the world willed him to fall.

Go to a football ground and hear the great crows of pleasure when Hoddle, or Nevin, or Barnes, tries to go past a man and blows it. A great bay of delight echoes round the ground. That'll teach him to be clever. As Duncan Mackenzie, another man gifted with almost voluptuous ball skills, once said: "The attitude in England is the tricks are okay if they work. If they don't, you're an idiot. It doesn't seem to have sunk in that if you never try, you'll never succeed."

If you try tricks you are an idiot

I don't think Mackenzie goes far enough. If you try tricks at all, even if they come off, you're an idiot, and you deserve what comes to you. You deserve it when some manly chap comes chopping you down from behind. That's real football for you.

One imagines that if Hoddle had been anything in the world except British, he would have been cherished and made much of in everything he did. On the field he would have been protected like a quarterback. Club and international teams would have been built round him from the start. Instead, his England career has been, until recently, an in-out thing. He was played often tentatively and in incongruous positions: people said afterwards: "See! I told you he wasn't an international!"

Of course, Hoddle doesn't help his admirers all the time. His temperament is, for all his arrogant moments, rather diffident. He likes to hang around outside the penalty area when the ball is pinballing around inside, waiting for a chip-shot. He is not an up-and-at 'em sort of chap and games seem sometimes to overwhelm him.

But Hoddle will always make it up to you. It is remarkable that England have such a fine player: the whole tendency of the British game is to shut up such players before they get started. Hoddle is not like an English player at all: but for all that, he is a very English sort of chap. Diffident, as I have said, not pushy. He has talked about playing "in Europe" for ages; indeed, he has played his last game for Tottenham on several occasions. But he has never quite gone.

On Saturday, he could be playing another last game for them. He has had a new burst of enthusiasm for the notion. He senses that this is his last chance for such delights: perhaps even now he has left it too late. He is 29, and not, perhaps, the most obvious investment for a major club. Paris Saint-Germain are the latest club to have a think about him: we shall see. No-one will be 100 per cent surprised if he is playing another last game for Tottenham next May.

I rather hope that this is the case, because I love watching him play. I love the way that those who worship mediocrity can be made to shut-up by a single open-sesame path. There is a football team that lives quite close to Tottenham whose supporters seem rather obsessed with efficiency: with organized mediocrity.

Danny Blanchflower once said: "The great fallacy is that the game is first and last about winning. It's nothing of the kind. The game is about glory. It's about doing things in style, with a flourish, about going out and beating the other lot, not waiting for them to die of boredom." Amen to that. And no danger of it happening when Glenn Hoddle is out there and when he is playing like Glenn Hoddle.

SWIMMING

Croft finds doors open

June Croft is being given every encouragement by the selectors to regain her British record breaking sprinting form (Roy Moor writes). The Wigan competitor returns after two years in Nijmegen, in this weekend's international, and is in the Yorkshire Bank's England squad for the Belgian Cup in Antwerp next week.

ENGLAND SQUAD: Patrick Blake (Torquay), Tim Jones (Walsall), Mark Foster (Southend), Jonathan Broughton (Leeds), Nick Gillingham, Roland Lee (both Birmingham), Helen Bewley, Caroline Foot (both Millfield), Karen Mellor (Norwich), Cathy White (South Tyneside) and Joanne Wood (Nova Centurion).

HOCKEY

Britain take on Wales

Great Britain's next step in preparing for the Champions Trophy Tournament in Amsterdam from June 19 to 28 will be a training weekend at the National Sports Centre, Cardiff, where two matches will be played against Wales on May 23 and 24 (Sydney Friskin writes).

Roger Self, the Great Britain team manager, said yesterday that of the 28 players who attended the last training weekend at Lilleshall, where most of England's World Cup team were in action, 25 would go to Cardiff.

Those omitted are Sloan (Northern Ireland), and Camilleri and Clark, both of England. David Hacker, who is in the Great Britain training squad, will, however, play for Wales who have chosen four uncapped players: Dale-Smith, Reynolds, Moulton and Williamson.

GREAT BRITAIN (from): P Barber, N Barker, K S Bhaura, S Batchelor, P Bolland, R Clift, R Dodds, D Faulkner, M Grimley, D Hacker, S Hazlitt, J Hurst, S Kerly, J Kirkwood, R Leman, S Martin, W McConnell, J Potter, J Shaw, I Sherwani, M Spray, I Taylor, S Taylor, N Thompson, R Thompson.

WALES (from): C Ashcroft, S Rees, G Dale-Smith, D Peters, D Cutter, H Williams, J Rees, D Hacker, A Western, T Reynolds, D Thomas, M Lewis, P Moulton, D Knapp, T Colclough, M Williamson.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Council help Oldham

Oldham have decided to become a limited company instead of a committee-run club, paving the way for the local council to put together a rescue package. The council will take over part of the club's site, leasing back the ground and developing the stadium (Keith Macklin writes).

Oldham, in desperate financial trouble, hope to raise £500,000 with a share issue.

The Rugby League council, meeting at Leeds today, will discuss a proposal to re-site the former Blackpool Borough club at Springfield Park in a ground sharing scheme with Wigan FC.

YACHTING

Writing on the wall for rating system

By Barry Pickthall

The American authorities appear set to ditch the International Offshore Rule in favour of a simpler rating system, involving advanced computerised velocity prediction programmes which, according to Steve Black, executive director of the US Yacht Racing Union, now provide a much fairer handicapping system for offshore racing yachts.

"It's time to bite the bullet – we've been bucking the trend too long. The IOR is dying on its feet, and it's time we put our energies behind a more equitable system," he suggests.

The IOR rating system, which has been used to handicap yachts in all major offshore regattas around the world, is, according to Black, now too complex for sailors to understand, and too expensive for all but top flight grand prix owners.

Owners preparing for this year's Admiral's Cup will see little change from £1,000 for their IOR measurement certificates, and at the bottom end of the scale a small production cruiser/racer still costs £200.

However, the rating system showing the greatest growth in the States is the performance handicap rating formula, which now boasts 20,000 boats against 1,300 IOR registered yachts.

British yachtsmen appear to be equally disenchanted and boats now registered under the simple but secretive Channel Handicap system (costing £25), now out-number IOR yachts by 2-1.

● New Zealand's former America's Cup skipper, Chris Dickson, who walked away from helming his national challenge group after a disagreement with Michael Fay, the syndicate head, is to apply for a British passport in the hope of joining one of three syndicates here.

Dickson, aged 26, whose mother hails from Bournemouth, had talks with Peter de Savary this week. But a spokesman declined to confirm that he would be joining his newly-formed syndicate, which currently centres around Chris Law. "Peter has also spoken to Dennis Conner, but that doesn't mean that he is signing him up either."

● Interest in short-handed racing continues to grow. After last year's very popular Yachting Monthly Triangle race, 50 crews – many of them husband and wife teams – will set out from Falmouth on June 6 bound for the Azores to compete in the Henri Lloyd AZAB race.

MOTOR RACING

Chance to shine at Spa

The dauntingly fast Spa-Francorchamps circuit gives drivers in the FIA Formula 3000 Championship their only chance in 1987 to perform in front of the Formula 1 team managers, when the third round takes place the day before the Belgian Grand Prix this weekend (David Tremayne writes).

Spa is a crucial opportunity for hopefuls to attract attention by demonstrating just how close they can get their 3-litre cars to the lap times set for the Jim Clark Cup section of the Grand Prix by men such as Jonathan Palmer in his 3.5-litre Tyrrell.

Gugelmin of Brazil and Modena of Italy are separated by a point at the head of the championship table, while British hopes rest with Andy Wallace, Russell Spence, Gary Evans and Mark Blundell.

● Johnny Herbert will also get the chance to impress the Formula 1 fraternity this weekend at Brands Hatch when he goes for his fifth Lucas British Formula 3 Championship victory.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

CRICKET

Benson and Hedges Cup

11.0, 55 overs

LORD'S: Middlesex v Combined Universities.

HOVE: Sussex v Surrey.

11.0, to finish

CHELMSFORD: Essex v Hampshire.

OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Warwickshire.

LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Derbyshire.

TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire v Northamptonshire.

WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Scotland.

OXFORD (Christ Church): Minor Counties v Glamorgan.

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Lutterworth: Leicestershire v Derbyshire; Uxbridge: Middlesex v Kent; Wolverton: Northamptonshire v Worcestershire; Nottingham: Nottinghamshire v Essex; Bristol: Gloucestershire v Somerset; Horsham: Sussex v Surrey; Nuneaton: Warwickshire v Lancashire; Elland: Yorkshire v Glamorgan.

FOOTBALL

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Charlton v Reading (at Reading, 11.0); Reading v Charlton (2.0).

SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Haywards Heath v Arundel (6.45).

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Kirkby v St Helens (6.45).

JOHN RAINS TESTIMONIAL: Sutton United v Wimbledon (7.30)

STAN BOWLES BENEFIT: Brentford v Queen's Park Rangers (7.45).

OTHER SPORT

BILLIARDS: BSTA English championship (at Widnes centre).

EQUESTRIANISM: Royal Windsor Show.

GOLF: Brabazon trophy (at Ganton); Welsh women's championship (at Aberdovey); Northern open (at Aberdeen).

ROWING: Medical Sickness Society United Hospitals bumps (at Chiswick).

SPEEDWAY: National League: Edinburgh v Rye House (7.15), Glasgow v Exeter (at Workington): Peterborough v Arena Essex.

SQUASH RACKETS: Gimson invitation tournament (at Wyvern SRC, Leicester).

SWIMMING: National diving championships (at Crystal Palace NSC).

TENNIS: International spring circuit (at Lee-on-Solent).

YACHTING: Lymington Cup; YOG Cowes to Alderney race.

SPORT ON TV

RACING: 2.30, 3.0, 3.30 and 4.0 races from Newbury, BBC2: 2.15pm.

FA CUP FINAL: Preview ITV: 8-8.05pm.

CRICKET

Ontong plays anchor role as Glamorgan consolidate

From John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

OXFORD: (Minor Counties won toss): Minor Counties, with all their wickets in hand, need 210 runs to beat Glamorgan

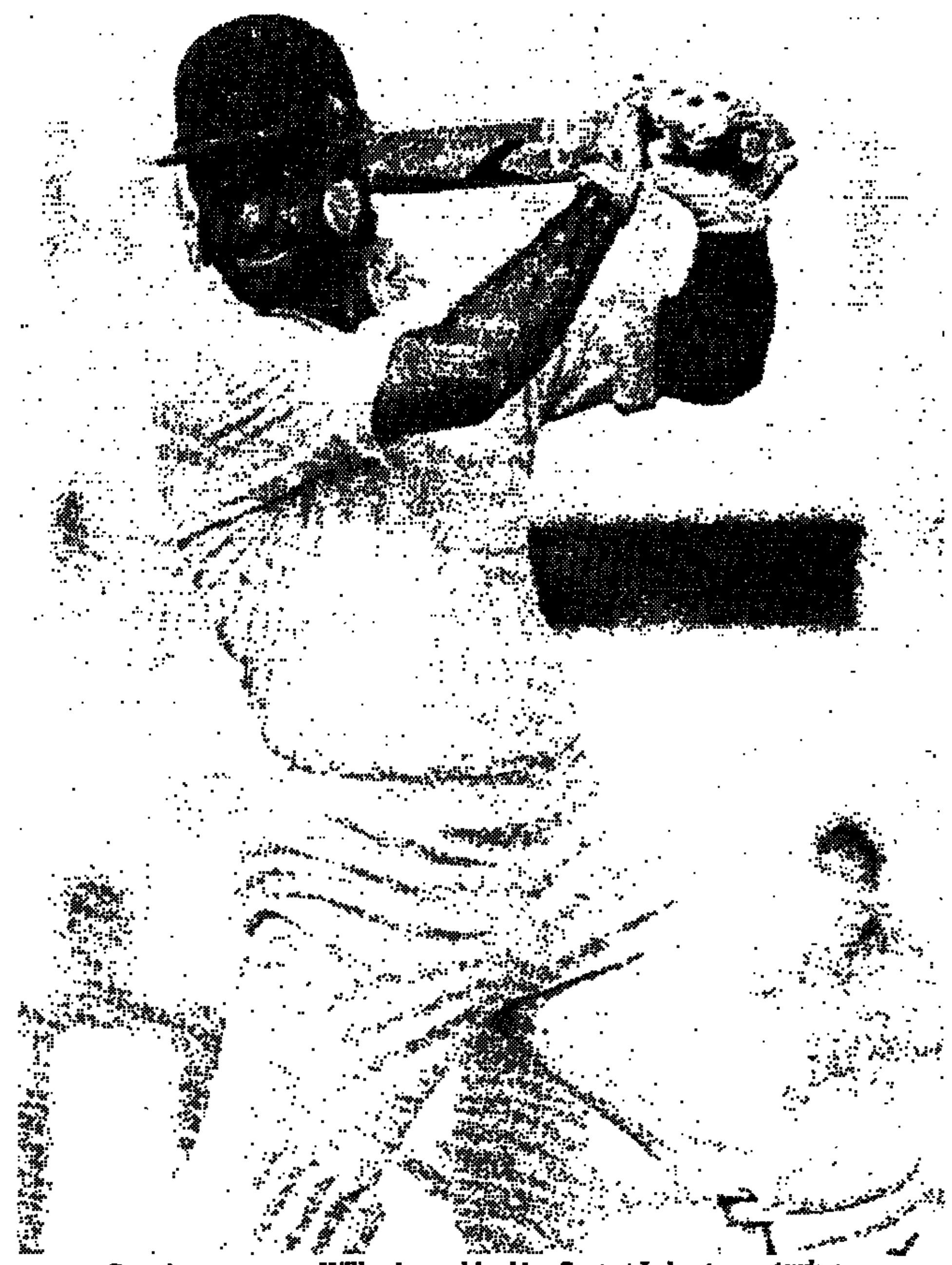
They made a start just before three o'clock on the Christ Church Ground yesterday and a remarkable one it was. After being put in by the Minor Counties, Glamorgan's score at the end of the tenth over was three runs for one wicket and of the three, one was from a no ball.

What is more, Morris had been dropped at cover point when he was one. An absolute percher to Roope, once the possessor of the most brilliant pair of hands in English cricket. For the rest of the day things were more normal. Glamorgan eventually reaching 220 for five in their 55 overs.

They were held up at the start by Russell Green, who had a match or two for them not long ago, and Busby, who would not have been playing *had the weather* been fine. Having to work yesterday, Merry of Middlesex and Hertfordshire had to withdraw when the game had not started by lunchtime. Busby being from Oxfordshire, was on this spot, and as a fit 40-year-old had his first game for the Minor Counties. His first eight overs of lively medium pace brought him one for 11.

The college had justified the compliment of being chosen as the ground for the Minor Counties' two matches by managing to keep a carefully prepared pitch dry. There is a *game here most* days, though not when the Butterflies would turn up with only half a side. In view of the state of University cricket I had wondered what I should find, and the answer was by no means depressing.

Glamorgan, for their part, found more than they had bargained for. Ontong having to play a very determined innings to take the score to something *that should* be sufficient today. Shastri and Thomas lost their wickets trying to force the pace against bowling that was never less than tidy and fielding that was keen if not always athletic.



Captain courageous: Willey keeps his side afloat at Leicester yesterday

Willey hauls Leicestershire out of a sticky situation

By Richard Streeton

LEICESTER (Derbyshire won toss): Leicestershire have scored 98 for six wickets against Derbyshire.

A typically determined stint by Peter Willey, the captain, baled out Leicestershire yesterday after they slumped to 27 for five on a wet pitch and looked likely to sink without trace. Before Willey led a relative recovery, the record lowest Benson and Hedges Cup total of 56, set by Leicestershire themselves against Minor Counties five years ago, seemed in danger.

Two 75-minute periods of play, either side of lunch, were all that the rainstorms allowed. It was particularly disappointing as these two teams are part of Group A, in which a tremendous tussle is developing.

Kim Barnett must have been delighted to win the toss and Mortensen and Holding took *full advantage of the conditions.* The ball moved about freely and the bounce was seldom consistent. Holding claimed the important wicket of Gower before Mortensen had a spell when he took three for three in 23 balls.

Leicestershire contributed to their problems by losing an immediate wicket for reasons that had nothing to do with the bowling. In the second over Potter backed up too far as Butcher played Holding to midwicket, slipped as he turned to get back, and although an untidy throw came in from Warner, he was unable to make his ground.

Gower square drove one glorious four against Mortensen, who overall maintained a splendid hostility for 10 successive overs before lunch. Mostly the batsmen had to be on their guard against balls which threatened their ribs.

Mortensen took his first wicket when *he bowled* Butcher off his pads and in the same over had Whitaker, playing loosely outside the off stump, caught at first slip. Boon's downfall was similar, though this time the catch went to Roberts above his head at second slip.

Willey during these disasters oozed determination but began to *punish anything loose* as DeFreitas settled in with him.

LEICESTER

I Potter run out ... 0
I P Butcher b Mortensen ... 7
D I Gower lbw b Holding ... 10
*P Willey not out ... 39
J J Whitaker c Anderson b Mortensen .. 0
T J Boon c Roberts b Mortensen ... 2
P A J DeFreitas c Jean-Jaques b Finney ... 14
†P Whiticase not out ... 20
Extras (lb 1, w 4, nb 1) ... 6
Total (6 wkts, 41.1 overs) ... 98

W K M Benjamin, J P Agnew and L B Taylor to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-18, 3-19, 4-19, 5-27, 6-47.

DERBYSHIRE: *K J Barnett, †B J M Maher, B Roberts, J E Morris, I S Anderson, P G Newman, A E Warner, R J Finney, M Jean-Jaques, O H Mortensen and M A Holding.

Umpires: H D Bird and D O Oslear.

Extras to play key role

By Ivo Tennant

CHELMSFORD: (Essex won toss): Hampshire have scored 186 against Essex.

In spite of much rain and frequent bowling of no-balls and wides, Essex managed to bowl Hampshire out cheaply yesterday. They conceded 35 in extras, which proved to be top scorer and could well be significant today. Marshall and Cowley put on 64 in 13 overs but otherwise batting was quite a struggle *in* conditions which favoured swing and seam.

Play did not begin until 2.00 pm owing to heavy overnight and morning rain. Essex put Hampshire in and there was time for a no-ball by Page – his 73rd of the season – before rain lashed the ground again five minutes later. It was gone three before the match properly got under way.

Hampshire set off at a great pace, Greenidge hooking Foster for six and top edging another off Page who, not helped by a wet ball, also delivered a number of wides. Not surprisingly, *he looks to have lost rhythm* and confidence, but he gave it everything. In South Africa last winter, he often bowled within himself.

There was a great keeness about the Essex out-cricket. They have to win this match if they are to reach the quarter-finals and, as Lilley, their outstanding fielder once said, they are not afraid to green their trousers. Lilley it was who caught Greenidge at cover point off a ball Foster held back. The openers had put on 54 in 11 overs.

Then Topley, that most useful of cricketers, broke through the middle order. In the side only because Lever has stomach trouble, he had Terry leg before seven runs later seemingly playing down the wrong line. Then Gooch took a marvellous catch to dismiss *Nicholas.*

HAMPSHIRE

C G Greenidge c Lilley b Foster ... 25
A P Terry lbw b Topley ... 23
*M C J Nicholas c Gooch b Topley ... 3
D R Turner c East b Gooch ... 28
C L Smith b Topley ... 2
K D James c East b Gooch ... 8
M D Marshall lbw b Foster ... 34
N G Cowley c Foster b Gooch ... 27
T M Tremlett lbw b Foster ... 1
†R J Parks lbw b Foster ... 0
S J Andrews not out ... 0
Extras (lb 10, w 21, nb 4) ... 35
Total (50.2 overs) ... 186

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-54, 2-61, 3-65, 4-75, 5-102, 6-120, 7-184, 8-184, 9-185.

BOWLING: *Foster 10.2-1-32-4; Topley 11-3-29-3;* Gooch 11-3-36-3; Page 9-0-52-0; Pringle 9-2-27-0.

ESSEX

Umpires: J Birkenshaw and R A White.

Notts look unlikely to qualify

By Marcus Williams

TRENT BRIDGE (Nottinghamshire won the toss): Nottinghamshire have scored 130 for three wickets against Northamptonshire.

Apart from the weather, which allowed no play after lunch, the only obvious winners here yesterday were the Northamptonshire players, who trudged across the ground to the bookmakers' cabin in the afternoon rain and returned to the pavilion smiling brightly with fists full of banknotes.

While their gambling interests were more of the equine than *cricketing variety, they would* doubtless have been offered long odds against their opponents. Nottinghamshire, qualifying for the Benson and Hedges Cup quarter-finals. Even if Nottinghamshire win this match – and from a position of 130 for three with 18 overs remaining, they are not strongly placed to do so – their scoring rate lags *well behind the rest of the teams* in the group. It is, incidentally, run rate (balls bowled divided by runs scored) which now acts as a tie-breaker to decide qualification and not the bowlers' striking rate as in the past.

Although they won the toss and batted first, Nottinghamshire's further hopes of *improving their rate were not* encouraged by a green pitch, which assisted all types of bowlers, and an outfield already slowed by early morning rain. Broad, returning after injury, struggled through 10 overs before Ripley dived wide to his right for an athletic catch. Robinson looked in better shape until Walker flattened his off stump at 61, and then Randall, who made a typically breezy 45, and Rice put on 57 in 10 overs to give the innings much needed *impetus.*

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

B C Broad c Ripley b Capel ... 6
R T Robinson b Walker ... 37
D W Randall c G Cook b Capel ... 45
*C E B Rice not out ... 26
P Johnson not out ... 4
Extras (b 3, lb 3, w 4, nb 2) ... 12
Total (3 wkts, 37 overs) ... 130

R J Hadlee, †B N French, E E Hemmings, R A Pick, K Saxelby and J D Birch to bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-21, 2-61, 3-118.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: *G Cook, W Larkins, R J Bailey, A J Lamb, D J Capel, R G Williams, D J Wild, †D Ripley N G B Cook, W W Davis and A Walker

Umpires: J H Hampshire and J W Holder.

Warwickshire were playing **Lancashire** at Old Trafford where their opening batsmen Lloyd and Moles raised 30 from 12 overs without a great deal of trouble before rain ended play for the day.

OTHER SCOREBOARDS

GLAMORGAN

J A Hopkins c Todd b Busby ... 0
H Morris c Garnham b Bunting ... 20
A R Butcher b Bunting ... 31
R J Shastri st Garnham Greensword ... 8
R C Ontong not out ... 77
J G Thomas c Busby b Greensword ... 17
G C Holmes run out ... 20
M P Maynard not out ... 30
Extras (b 1, lb 2, w 11, nb 3) ... 17
Total (6 wkts, 55 overs) ... 220

†C P Metson, S R Barwick and I Smith did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-50, 3-68, 4-79, 5-103, 6-110.

BOWLING: Green 11-3-43-0; Busby 11-4-35-1; Bunting 11-0-43-2; Greensword 11-2-29-2; Plumb 6-0-37-0; Roope 5-0-30-0.

MINOR COUNTIES

S R Atkinson not out ... 6
R Herbert not out ... 5
Total (no wkts, 4 overs) ... 11

*S G Plumb, G R J Roope, P A Todd, S P Henderson, †M A Garnham, S Greensword, , R C Green, R N Busby and R A Bunting to bat

Umpires: D G L Evans and A G T Whitehead.

SCOTLAND

I L Philip c Botham b Newport ... 21
K Scott c Botham b Radford ... 1
*R G Swan c Rhodes b Radford ... 37
W A Donald c Rhodes b Newport ... 20
O Henry b Botham ... 8
A B Russell c Rhodes b Botham ... 13
D L Snodgrass lbw b Radford ... 0
P G Duthie c Curtis b Botham ... 22
J E Kerr c Rhodes b Dilley ... 3
A W D Stevenson run out ... 1
†J D Knight not out ... 0
Extras (lb12, w5, nb6) ... 23
Total (54.5 overs) ... 149

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-48, 3-75, 4-94, 5-110, 6-110, 7-133, 8-144, 9-149.

BOWLING: Dilley 11-2-24-1; Radford 11-1-25-3, Pridgeon 11-2-29-0; Botham 10.5-4-29-3; Newport 11-1-30-2.

WORCESTER: T S Curtis, M J Weston, G A Hick, *P A Neale, D B D'Oliveira, I T Botham, †S J Rhodes, P J Newport, N V Radford, G R Dilley and A P Pridgeon.

Umpires: D Lloyd and K J Lyons.

Leaderless Pakistanis easy meat for Crowe

By Alan Lee

TAUNTON (Pakistan won toss): Somerset beat the Pakistanis by 79 runs.

Suspicions were confirmed at Taunton yesterday. Somerset can clearly manage very nicely without Botham, Richards and Garner, but Pakistan are reduced to mediocrity without Imran Khan.

In their only one-day fixture before the Texaco Trophy Series begins next week, Pakistan were thoroughly outplayed by Somerset. It is no coincidence that the tourists have moved out of neutral gear just once so far, on the only occasion Imran has *played.* He is not only their best player, but also an inspirational leader with vast influence over young players. Without him, *Pakistan lack poise and purpose.*

Abdul Qadir's absence, for reasons which become ever more cloudy, is another unsettling factor. At least yesterday with Imran again resting, there was the unexpected bonus of Javed Miandad, not only arriving but volunteering to lead the side. Despite initial rustiness, he played resolutely enough after Pakistan lost their first three wickets for 26 in reply to Somerset's 217 for eight.

The collapse was largely self-induced.

There had been some aggressive new ball bowling from Wasim Akram early in the day and Roebuck, whose recent scores were 0, 103 not out, 120 and 110 not out, rounded off the sequence with another 0. Crowe added 86 in 15 overs with the Australian debutant Waugh and perhaps let the tourists off lightly with his 75 from 63 balls.

SOMERSET

N A Felton c Salim Malik b Mudassar ... 26
*P M Roebuck b Wasim ... 0
J J E Hardy b Manzoor ... 34
S R Waugh c Saleem Yousuf b Tauseef ... 34
M D Crowe lbw b Wasim ... 75
R J Harden c Salim Malik b Tauseef ... 1
†N D Burns c Mudassar b Tauseef ... 17
G D Rose run out ... 7
G V Palmer not out ... 1
Extras (b 8, lb 6, w 2, nb 6) ... 22
Total (8 wkts, 50 overs) ... 217

M R Davis and A N Jones did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-9, 2-63, 3-71, 4-157, 5-168, 6-201, 7-211, 8-217.

BOWLING: Wasim Akram 10-2-33-2; Mohsin Kamal 9.1-2-33-1; Mudassar Nazar 11-0-34-1; Tauseef Ahmed 7.5-0-46-2; Salim Malik 1-0-4-0; Manzoor Elahi 11-1-53-1.

PAKISTANIS

Mudassar Nazar c Roebuck b Jones .. 4
Ijaz Ahmed b Davis ... 20
Ramiz Raja c Crowe b Rose ... 1
Mansoor Akhtar run out ... 21
*Javed Miandad b Palmer ... 23
Salim Malik run out ... 32
Wasim Akram c Harden b Jones ... 13
Manzoor Elahi c Waugh b Palmer ... 2
†Saleem Yousuf c Burns b Jones ... 6
Tauseef Ahmed not out ... 13
Mohsin Kamal absent injured ... 0
Extras (lb 3) ... 3
Total (39.1 overs) ... 138

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-26, 3-26, 4-60, 5-89, 6-115, 7-119, 8-120, 9-138.

BOWLING: Jones 9.1-1-32-3; Davis 9-3-23-1; *Rose* 5-2-14-1; Waugh 6-0-29-0; Palmer 10-1-37-2.

Umpires: J H Harris and A A Jones.

Council go private to fund fresh facilities

By John Goodbody

British sport will probably receive millions of pounds as part of a new agreement between the public and private sectors. In the first privately-funded national scheme specifically set up to provide facilities in local communities, the Sports Council yesterday announced a three-year deal with ASDA-MFI, the chain of 323 stores, to support new capital projects.

The finance will be divided between local authorities, the Council and the company. But the proportion will be decided by negotiation and the total amount has no definite limit.

The sponsors had already set up a foundation with £100,000 whose track record is already evident. It provided £550,000 towards the £1.1 million Aston Villa leisure centre and £500,00 towards a £1.2 Brighton community centre with recreational facilities, which is scheduled to open in the autumn.

This new scheme is a massive, sophisticated and nationwide extension of these two projects. The Foundation, administered by a working party of the sponsors and Council personnel, will award grants to selected projects nominated by local authorities, provided both the nominating authority and the Council also agree to make a contribution. The Council annually spend about £10 million on capital projects and nobody knows better where new facilities are needed.

Ron Pickering, the television commentator, who introduced yesterday's announcement, said: "With the cutbacks from central government, local authorities are the main providers of finance *for sport.* We need to look to private funding to continue the momentum of the 1970s when many sports centres were established." Several of the projects may be next to existing stores, but as Sebastian Coe, a vice-chairman of the Council, stressed: "The rules will be made as we go along."

Local authorities will submit proposals. The Foundation will decide which are the most worthwhile and the facilities will be built. The running costs and administration will, almost always, revert to the local *authority.*

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

GLASGOW: Adidas midweek 15km challenge series: Men: 1, T Murray (Greenock Glenpark) 46min 19sec; 2, D Watt (Caldergien) 46 41, 3, J Duffy (Greenock Wellpark) 47.14. Women: 1, S Branney (McLaren Glasgow) 53 41.

BOWLS

INTER-COUNTY: Church Gresley: Derbyshire 102, Durham 124. Plymstock: Devon 111, Cornwall 118. Shaftesbury: Dorset 105. Bristol City and County 115. Kingswood: Gloucestershire 126, Surrey 105.

CRICKET

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Elland: Yorkshire 325-6 dec (D Byas 125, N G Nicholson 81). Glamorgan 21-3. Horsham: Surrey 323-9 (D M Ward 143, G Boxall, 80). Sussex 33-3. *Uxbridge: Middlesex 458-6 (A J T N Miller* 142 J D Carr 193 not out; D J M Kelleher 4-126) v Kent. Lutterworth: Derbyshire 159; Leicestershire 57-2. Nottingham: Nottinghamshire 184 (A K Golding 5-56); Essex 100-3 *(R M Pook 53 not out).* Wolverton: Worcestershire 315-6 (P Bent 60, D Leatherdale 65) v Northants.

SCHOOLS (*home team): Abbot Beyne 107, *Newcastle-under-Lyme 109-0. *Alleyns 148-7 *Highgate 125-3.* Allhallows 166-5, *Exeter School 167-7; *Bethany 154-5, City of London Freemans 77. *Bloxham 156-8, Rendcomb 85-1, Bradfield 205-5, *St. Edwards Oxford 143-8, *Chigwell 193-5 (A Lee 112 no). *Bancrofts 133-5 Kings Taunton 81.* *Millfield 82-0 Kingston GS 145 *Caterham 147-2 (A Brown 103 no) King Edward VI Stourbridge 119 *Kings Worcester 123-6, Loughborough Univ 67 *Loughborough GS 58-0, Merchant Taylors [illegible] -8 Kings Chester 98-8. [illegible] Wellington 122). *Colchester [illegible] 2. *Nottingham High [illegible] *Wellington Somerset [illegible] 139-9. *Rossall [illegible] 164-5 (P Manton 101 no). [illegible] *Hereford Cathedral 1[illegible] St Bartholomews Newbury 150-8. *RGS High Wycombe 115-8 St Benedicts 124 (S Patel 8-34) *Hampton 125-3. Staffordshire Gents 161-6 *King Edwards Birmingham 158-6 *Tiffin 112, KCS Wimbledon 113-3 *Watford GS 123 (J Hampel 6-39) *Merchant Taylors, Northwood 126-5 *Westminster City 111 (Chanton 5-38) *Latymer Upper 112-4, XL Club 201-7 *Haberdashers 173

VOLLEYBALL

BRASILIA: Pre-Olympic tournament: Brazil bt France 15-11, 15-17 15-13, 15-7, Argentina bt Japan, 15-2, 14-16 15-9 15-5 Cuba bt Egypt 15-1 15-3 15-7

CYCLING

COLLADO VILLALBA: Tour of Spain: 21st stage (Segovia to Collado Villalba, 160km): 1, F Rodriguez (Col) 4hr 18min 3sec; 2, P Poisson (Fr), 3, G Van Calster (Bel); 4, E Aja (Sp), 5, R Cordoba (Sp); 6, L Bondi (Fr); 7, R Dietzen (WG); 8, L Fignon (Fr); 9, M Earley (Ire); 10, C Prieto (Sp); 11, J Weltz (Den), all at 4:12. Overall standings (Spanish unless stated) 1, L Herrera (Col), 100hr 5min 31sec; 2, R Dietzen (WG), at 1:4, 3, L Fignon (Fr), at 3 17, 4, P Delgado, at 3:52; 5, O Vargas (Col), at 4 03; 6, V Belda, at 4:40; 7, A Fuerte, at 4:59; 8, Y Madiot (Fr), at 5.25; 9, H Cardenas (Col), at 7 08; 10, O Hernandez (Col), at 7.33. 23, M Earley (Ire), at 27:15

FOOTBALL

EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS' CUP FINAL: Athens: Ajax 1 (Van Basten), Lokomotiv Leipzig 0.

FA YOUTH CUP FINAL: Second leg: Coventry City 1, Charlton Athletic 0 aet

FRIENDLY INTERNATIONAL: East Germany 2, Czechoslovakia 0

BUDAPEST: Olympic qualification tournament: Group C: Hungary 2, Spain 1

TOLUCA: Olympic qualification tournament: Concacaf zone: First round, second leg: Mexico 6, Bermuda 0 (Mexico win 7-2 on agg)

MACBAR SOUTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Bristol City 4, Swansea 1

TURKISH CUP FINAL: First leg: Genclerbirligi 5, Eskisehirspor 0

BULGARIAN CUP FINAL: Sredets 2, Vitosha 1

ROMANIAN LEAGUE: Dinamo Bucharest 1 Steaua Bucharest 1; Sport Studentesc 2 *Universitatea Craiova 3, Rapid Bucharest 1,* Otelul Galati 0; Gloria Buzau 0, FC Arges Pitesti 0, Jiul Petrosani 4, Flacara Moreni 1; Universitatea Cluj-Napoca 5, Chimia Rimnicu Vilcea 0; SC Bacau 5, Victoria Bucharest 1, *FCM Brasov 4 Corvinul Hunedoara 0, Fc Olt* 1 Petrolul Ploiesti 0. Standings: 1, Steaua, 47pts, 26 games, 2, Dynamo 38 27, Victoria, 32, 27

HALLS BREWERY HELLENIC LEAGUE: Premier division: *Moreton Town 2* Viking Sports 1 Rayners Lane 2 Abingdon Town 2

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE: Play-off game: Campbell Conference Finals: Edmonton Oilers 6 Detroit Red Wings 3 (Edmonton win best-of-seven series 4-1)

GOLF

PARIS: French Women's Open: (GB and Ireland unless stated.) 71: L *Neumann* (Swe). 72: S Strudwick. 76: E Glass (Zimb), M Thomson. 77: L Mullard (Aus). 78: C Duffy, D Heinicke (US). 79: B Helbig (WG), M Marshall (US) 81: J Lawrence. 83: L Behan, S Ekrodt (WG).

MORLTON HAMPSTEAD: Hennessy Cognac *National Pro-am: Regional final: 67: East* Devon (T Underwood and D Agar). 68: Yeovil (G Kite and N Burton). 69: Stover (M Craig and J Ogg).

ROWING

WINGFIELD SCULLS AND CHAMPIONSHIP OF GB (4¼ miles Putney to Mortlake): 1, S *Redgrave (Marlow RC) 21min 41sec;* 2, P Johnson (Globe RC) 21 53; 3, M Pollecutt (Thames Tradesmen's RC) 22.0; 4, P Cmermastie (Barclays Bank RC) 22.7; 5, D Hamilton (Tideway Scullers School) 22 16.

SPEEDWAY

BELLE VUE: Fourth Test: England 56 (K Tatum 12, P Thorp 11, J Doncaster 9, S Wigg 9, C Morton 8, S Cross 4, M Cox 3), Denmark 52 (H Neilsen 15, E Gundersen 13, T Knudsen 12, P Raven 8, J Jorgensen 4).

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Wimbledon 51 (R Johns 12, N Tatum 12, K Jolly 11), Canterbury 27 (D Mullett 9).

TENNIS

LEE-ON-SOLENT: Hi-Tec Hardcourt Tennis Tournament: Men: Singles: (GB unless stated) Second round: P Aldrich (SA) bt M Walker 6-4, 5-7, 6-4, R Gilbert (Fr) bt T Tunner (Austria), 6-1, 6-4, D Tyson (Aus) bt H Ismail (Zimb), 6-3 6-1

Women: Singles: Second round: K Karlsson (Swe) bt I Deruysscher (Belg), 6-2, 6-1, S Dallavalle (It) bt I Berger (Is), 7-6, 6-2

WEST BERLIN: West German Women's Open: Second round: *L Gildemeister (Peru) bt* F Bonsignori (It), 6-3 6-3, J Durie (GB) bt N Dias (Braz), 6-3, 7-6. Third round: P Tarabini (Arg) bt S Meier (WG) 6-1, 5-0 ret'd. N Provis (Aus) bt J Durie (GB) 6-1, 4-6 6-4, R Reggi (It) *bt J Novotna (Cz), 6-2, 6-2.* N Tauziat (Fr) bt I Budarova (Cz) 4-6 7-6 (7-3), 6-3; C Kohde-Kilsch (WG) bt L Gildemeister (Peru) 6-4, 7-6, L Field (Aus) bt C Singer (WG), 7-5, 6-2; S Cecchini (It) bt P Huber (Austria), 6-2 7-5

TENNIS

Out of touch Lendl falls to Nystrom's counter-punch

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

Ivan Lendl, top seed in the Italian men's singles championship, has *not even* reached the last eight. He was beaten 6-4, 2-6, 6-3 yesterday by Joakim Nystrom, who had failed to take a set from Lendl in any of their four previous Grand Prix matches.

Nystrom ranked seventh in the world at the end of last year but is now 29th. He needed a win like yesterday's to restore his confidence and his ranking. "When you play Ivan everybody expects you to lose," Nystrom said later, "so you don't feel a lot of pressure and in that sense it is easier to win."

Nothing, except losing, is ever easy when opposing Lendl. They occupied the centre court for almost two hours and three-quarters on an afternoon of bright heat. Nystrom's friend, Mats Wilander, who plays long matches even when winning easily, beat Cassio Motta, gave a leisurely press conference, and still had plenty of time to watch the third set on the centre court. Some of us *suspected that* grey hairs were multiplying as we waited at the miniature traffic lights granting access to the court (a green light indicates a changeover and time to move in).

Rallies of 50 shots or more were commonplace. In the third set a critical rally contained 87 shots, the last of them one of Lendl's many forehand errors. "*I've never seen* Ivan miss so many forehands," Nystrom said.

Playing Nystrom on slow clay can be a nightmarish experience akin to that of Sisyphus, whose chore in Hell was to roll uphill a *boulder that kept rolling* back down. To use another analogy, Lendl looked like a boxer training with the heavy bag and getting fed up *with it. Nothing* made any impression on the sleepy-looking Swede, who was always wide awake to the chance for a winning counter-punch.

Lendl recently resumed competition after surgery on a knee. He has quickly regained his fitness, his form and his will to win. Evidently, though, his concentration and patience are *not quite ready for the demands* made on them yesterday. The flaws were most obvious in Lendl's lack of assurance on the forehand and his irritation with the ensuing errors.

Lendl took most *of the* initiative and, discreetly, tried to overpower Nystrom. But the *light-footed* Swede showed astonishing retrieving powers. Nystrom danced across the baseline, spinning this way and that with swift facility. Even under pressure, his lunging control of the racket head was remarkable. Not the least admirable feature of Nystrom's game was the case with which he anticipated Lendl's next challenge

Henri Leconte, playing his first tournament after an opera*tion to* adjust a ruptured disc, could not last the course against Martin Jaite but hopes to be fully fit for the French championships, beginning on May 25. You may be panting for news of British players. There is no news. They are not good enough to compete at *this level.*

RESULTS: Third round: M Wilander (Swe) bt C Motta (Br) 6-3,6-2; J Nystrom (Swe) bt I Lendl (Cz) 6-4,2-6,6-3; M Jaite (Arg) bt H Leconte (Fr) 6-2, 2-0, rtd; A Gomez (Ecu) bt M Pernfors (Swe) 6-2, 6-3; C Mezzadri (Switz) bt U Stenlund (Swe) 6-0,6-2.

Lloyd to return to Wimbledon

John Lloyd, the former British number one, who announced his retirement from singles competition last year, expects to be playing at Wimbledon again next month, but in doubles only. He will compete in the mixed with Wendy Turnbull, of Australia, with whom he won the title in 1983 and 1984, and also hopes to be taking part in the *men's doubles with either* the South African-born American, Johan Kriek, or fellow British international, Stephen Shaw.

With the Wimbledon entries now closed there is little encouraging news for British players as far as singles competition is concerned. Unless several overseas competitors drop out of the men's event, all British hopefuls, including number one, Andrew Castle, will have to rely on a wild card. It would be the first time that at least one British male had failed to gain direct entry into Wimbledon.

In the women's singles, Jo Durie, Sara Gomer, Anne Hobbs and Annabel Croft, Britain's first four players, will all gain direct entry.

Hi-Tec hit by rain

Yesterday's play in the Hi-Tec hardcourt tournament at Lee-on-Solent finally got under way more than six hours late, heavy overnight rain having wiped out *the morning's play and left the* courts very slippery.

The tournament referee Alan Williams did not give the go-*ahead for matches to* begin until just after 4pm. In the first match of the day Aldrich, of South Africa, had an easy win over the Australian, Simon Youl.

MEN'S SINGLES: Quarter-finals: P Aldrich (SA) bt S Youl (Aus) 6-1 6-0, T Theine (WG) bt T Bischof (Austria), 6-1, 7-5.

WOMEN'S SINGLES: Quarter-finals: K Karlsson (Swe) bt S Dallavalle (It), 6-4, 7-5; M Llorca (Sp) bt A Karlsson (Swe), 6-2, 6-4

GOLF

Ballesteros seeks greens peace

From Mitchell Platts, Golf Correspondent, Marbella

Severiano Ballesteros yesterday defended suggestions that he *had turned the* Peugeot Spanish Open into a personal benefit by recommending that the Las Brisas greens be lightning fast.

Christy O'Connor jun., of Ireland, and Mats Lanner, of Sweden, each scored 69 to share the first round lead, one ahead of Ballesteros, but a succession of players, including several prospective Ryder Cup colleagues of the Spaniard, filed off the course shaking their heads in despair.

Ian Woosnam, in spite of a courageous 71, which included four birdies and one eagle in his last seven holes, confessed that at one point in his round he seriously considered returning home. "I am quite prepared to tell Seve to his face that it's *totally ridiculous,*" Woosnam said. "In fact, I think he should be given a rollicking for what he has done here. I don't mind fast greens but when the surfaces are like concrete then it takes all the skill away. I got away with it, by holing an 88-yard pitch for an eagle and a 25-yard putt for a birdie, but some guys were trying their hearts out there and *being destroyed in the process.*"

Ballesteros, a co-promoter of the championship, countered: "The course is the way it's supposed to be: good. I am very disappointed if players likely to be in our Ryder Cup team complain about the conditions here because that is what they will get at Muirfield Village in September. The problem is that *many of our players are not* familiar with US Open-type courses and maybe that is why they are complaining. I reckon the greens here could be even faster and as far as I am *concerned the Las Brisas* course is fantastic."

Mark McNulty, of Zimbabwe, rated the greens as the fastest he has experienced outside those at Muirfield Village and Augusta. Sandy Lyle felt that the Los Brisas greens were not impossible but that they were *too hard* in places.

Card of course

Hole	Yds	Par	Hole	Yds	Par
1 3		375	4 10		169
2 4		416	4 11		421
3 4		334	4 12		364
4 5		406	4 13		532
6 4		157	3 14		283
6 4		447	4 15		457
7 4		430	4 16		448
8 4		414	4 17		249
9 4		494	5 18		424
Out 36		3,473	36 In		3,347

Total yardage: 6,820 Par: 72

LEADING FIRST ROUND SCORES (GB unless stated): 69: C O'Connor jun, M Lanner (Sweden); 70: S Luna (Sp), S Ballesteros (Sp); 71: J Hawkes (SA), I Woosnam, R Davis (Aus), D Durnian; 72: F Nobilo (NZ), R Rafferty, N Faldo; 73: M Montes (Sp), B McColl, N Hansen, L Stephen (Aus), R Boxall, A Garrido (Sp), R Lee, J Quiros (Sp), J Anglada (Sp), H Baiocchi (SA); 74: H Clark, F Regard (Fr), V Fernandez (Arg), P Parkin, A Murray, A Stubbs, B Malley (US), J Morgan, A Pinero (Sp), J Bland (SA), E Darcy (Ire), A Lyle, D Ray, M Poxon, R MacFarlane, E Rodriguez (Sp), M Aparicio (Sp), W Grady (Aus). Other scores include: 75: G Brand jun, S Torrance, B Gallacher, D Smyth; 76: M Pinero (Sp); 77: M James, J-M Olazabal (Sp), P Way, P Baker; 79: J O'Leary, M Mouland, M McNulty (Zim); 81: I Baker-Finch (Aus), J Miller (US).

Shadow of McEvoy at Ganton

By John Hennessy

Although the English Open *amateur strokeplay* championship for the Brabazon Trophy has lost some international appeal, this weekend's tournament at Ganton carries three areas of impact: the entry of Peter McEvoy, the surprise Walker Cup discard; plus three current British players; and the formation of the six-man team for the European championship in Austria.

The apathy among European players, suggests the winner will be among the players who competed in the England v Spain international at Fulford this week. Although only two of the Spaniards have stayed, both must have derived some satisfaction at Fulford. Jago Beamonte beat David Curry, *the British amateur champion,* and Filix Ortiz was the chief Spanish winner with 2½ points from four. Besides Curry, two *other surprising Walker Cup* selections, Jeremy Robinson and Robert Eggo, bolster the field.

However over them all hangs the shadow of McEvoy, arguably the best amateur in England, whatever the reasons for his omission. He won the Duncan Putter last month by nine strokes and broke the record by *five* with 278. He was the highest Englishman in the Lytham and won the first of his two amateur championships at *Ganton ten years ago.*

He is doing his diplomatic best not to exacerbate the situation created by the Walker Cup selectors' decision, but when his club leap so eloquently to his defence, embarrassment abounds.

Stadler boost

Craig Stadler, the 1982 US Masters golf champion, has confirmed he will compete in next month's Dunhill British Masters at Woburn, worth *£33,333 to the winner.* The Hawaiian Open runner-up joins Bernhard Langer, José-Maria Olazábal, Sam Torrance and Ian *Woosnam as joint favourites in* the absence of the defending champion, Severiano Ballesteros.

Watch the birdies

Crows caused major problems for players at the eighth hole in the first qualifying round of the Welsh Women's Golf Championship at Aberdovey yesterday by stealing balls from the fairway and the rough.

One of those who lost a ball, Holyhead's Beti Burnell, said: "It was quite amazing – one minute the ball was there in the middle of the fairway and the next moment it had gone."

Club officials said it was not the first time that crows had caused havoc and a Welsh LGU spokesman said: "As if it wasn't bad enough for the players to have to put up with the terrible wind. They should not have to contend with *crows as well.*"

CYCLING

Another Milk Race snub for Raleigh

Two days before the start of the *Milk Race, the already-snubbed* Raleigh professional team learned to their chagrin yesterday that the late withdrawal of Switzerland had not earned them a place in the race (Michael Coleman writes). A team of amateurs, to be called the Britannia squad, has been hastily assembled instead.

George Shaw, the manager of *the Raleigh team, which* includes two national champions, Mark Bell and Paul Sherwen, expressed his bewilderment. "Disgusting, is the only word for it" he said. "Instead of making one phone call to me, the British Cycling Federation must have made 40 calls and more round the country throwing this team together."

Doug Dailey, the national coaching director for the amateurs, agreed it had been a gallop *to find six men willing and* able to tackle the fortnight-long tour without having done the necessary preparation. "I'm not getting into the politics of this. I'm just doing my job," he said, declining to comment.

BRITANNIA TEAM: Stuart Coles (Coldra Club), Steve Cook (Basingstoke), Wayne Randle (Barnsley), Colin Rosher (Staines), Andy Wilkinson (Willaston), Willy Gibb (Glasgow)

ROWING

Redgrave all the way for third win

Steve Redgrave, of Marlow, dominated the Wingfield Sculls yesterday afternoon from start *to finish to win his third* successive single sculls championship (Jim Railton writes).

The former Canadian world quadruple sculls champion, Doug Hamilton, was a disappointing last by the time the five contestants reached the finish at Mortlake.

On a nigh perfect Tideway, Redgrave posted his intent from the first stroke and the race was in his pocket before Hammersmith Bridge. He displayed great confidence throughout and the race rapidly became a contest for second and third place.

Hamilton was second over five lengths down on Redgrave at Hammersmith Bridge but soon after touched sculls with Johnson and lost his heart. Johnson to his credit picked up his strike and by Barnes Bridge *had overtaken Pollecutt*

WINGFIELD SCULLS: 1, S Redgrave (Marlow) 21min 41sec; 2, P Johnson (Globe) 21min 53sec; 3, P Kittermaster (Barclays Bank) 22min 00sec; 4, M Pollecutt (Thames Tradesmen) 22min 07sec, 5, D Hamilton (Tideway Scullers) 22min 16sec.

EVENING RACING

Sandown Park

Going: good

6.15 (5f) 1, PLANTATION (A Kimberley, 7-4 fav); 2, Valrosa Lady (A McGlone, 2-1); 3, Lapierre (M Roberts, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Chan Fu (4th), 20 Love Legend (6th), Rowlandsons Gems, Royal Dartmouth (5th). 7 ran. NR: *Fire Top.* 1½l, 2l, 4l, ½l, 2l. M Stoute at Newmarket. Tote: £2.50; £1.60, £1.70. DF: £2.60. CSF: £5.71. 1min 03.13sec.

Uttoxeter

Going: good to firm

6.15 (2m hdle) 1, Tinas Lad (T Morgan, 6-4 fav); 2, *Star Route* (5-1); 3, Noble Rise (5-1). 10 ran. NR: Guymyson. 6l, 4l. Edwards. Tote, £1.90; £1.10, £1.10, £1.50. DF: £4.20. CSF: £8.16.

●Yesterday's evening meeting at *Tramore* in Ireland was abandoned after two races due to the slippery state of the course.

Lancs v Warwick

OLD TRAFFORD: (Lancashire won toss): Warwickshire have scored 30 for no wkt off 12 overs.

WARWICKSHIRE

T A Lloyd not out ... 17
A J Moles not out ... 13
Total (no wkt, 12 overs) ... 30

A C Storie, D L Amiss, †G W Humpage, P A Smith, D A Thorne, G J Parsons, G C Small, A A Donald and *N Gifford to bat

LANCASHIRE: G D Mendis, G Fowler, J Abrahams, N H Fairbrother, S J O'Shaughnessy, *D P Hughes, M Watkinson, J Simmons, K McLeod, P J W Allott and †J Stanworth.

Umpires: B Leadbeater and R A Julian

● Worcestershire, whose match with Warwickshire at Edgbaston tomorrow is likely, to decide which of them qualifies with Yorkshire from Group B made encouraging progress against Scotland

TELEVISION AND RADIO

Compiled by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle

Elegant fantasy: a black-hatted Marcello Mastroianni in a scene from Federico Fellini's 8½ (Omnibus, BBC1, 10.25pm)

All the world's a studio...

CHOICE

● Taxi drivers ask Federico Fellini why he makes films people cannot understand and the answer, basically, is that he does not make films for people but for himself. Interviewed by Gavin Millar on **Omnibus** (BBC1, 10.25pm) the maestro plays close to his chest, aesthetically speaking, seldom giving a plain answer when a philosophical one will do. The philosophy is often elusive. The programme's sub-title, *Real Dreams*, is as good a clue as any, for Fellini's reality is rarely on the surface. Hints of a concrete world do filter through, particularly in his childhood yearning to break free of the twin repressions of fascism and Catholicism. But Fellini's world is contained within himself and is constructed in the movie studio. He speaks of the joy of filling an empty stage with sets and characters and says any social or political anger is merely an excuse to get behind the camera. He starts a film by pinning up images on a blank noticeboard, waiting for the ideas to come. He once found himself without a subject, so he made a film about a director who didn't know what to direct. That was *8½*. At the time, it seemed the ultimate Fellini film, denying the possibility of any more, but he continues his idiosyncratic quest for the truth, finding it as much in fantasy as in fact. If, as he says, the cinema is a complete art, Fellini has done his bit to make it so. The programme also features Fellini's wife and long-time leading lady, Giulietta Masina.

Peter Waymark

● *Peter Davalle writes:* **Father and Daughter** (Radio 4, 4.05pm), June Knox-Mawer's weekly probes into relationships that, up until now, have been easier to define in print than on air, continue with some insights into both the publishing house and family home of Gollancz. Livia took over the firm after father Victor's death. She displays a sturdy independence of spirit, thinking of herself as herself more than as her father's daughter. And her objectivity even extends so far as to deplore her father's buccaneering methods of publicising his publications by printing on those famous yellow jackets surmises as to what eminent critics might have written about the books, given the chance. In marked contrast, Livia Gollancz, a former horn player, never once blows her own trumpet.

Victor Gollancz: Father and Daughter (Radio 4, 4.05pm)

BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM.
6.40 Friday Prayers for Ramadan 1407 AH. The third of four programmes introduced by HRH Prince Hassan bin Talal. **6.55** Weather.
7.00 Breakfast Time. National and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30**; regional news and travel reports at **7.15, 7.45** and **8.15**; weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25**.
8.40 Watchdog. Lynn Faulds Wood and John Styapleton investigate consumer complaints **8.55** Regional news and weather.
9.00 News and weather **9.05** Day to Day. A discussion on a topical subject **9.45** *Advice Line*.
10.00 News and weather **10.05** Neighbours. (r) **10.25** Children's BBC. With Andy Crane. **10.30** Play School (r) **10.50** Paddington. (r)
10.55 Five to Eleven. Fulton Mackay with a thought for the day **11.00** News and weather **11.05** The Big Time. Members of the Beaminster and District Gardens and Allotments Society design a garden for display at the Chelsea Flower Show. (r)
12.00 News and weather **12.05** Open Air. Programme makers meet their critics **12.55** Regional news and weather.
1.00 One O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. Weather. **1.25** Neighbours. Bess asks Scott to keep his discovery a secret. **1.50** Mop and Smiff. (r)
2.05 *Knots Landing. Gary hits* the bottle, and Richard becomes suspicious of Laura's relationship with Ciji. **2.50** Film 87. Among the films reviewed are That's Life, and Desert Bloom. (r) **3.20** Three in the Wild. Part two of the story of *Mordicus* the Buzzard. (r)
3.50 The Amazing Adventures of Morph, introduced by Tony Hart **4.00** Corners. Young viewers' questions answered **4.15** Ulysses 31. Cartoon space adventure. (r)
4.40 Film: Tightrope to Terror (1982) An adventure story, made by the Childrens' Film Foundation, about four *youngsters caught* in a cable-car accident in the Alps. Directed by Robert Kellett **5.35** The Flintstones.
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Sue Lawley and Philip Hayton. Weather.
6.35 London Plus.
7.00 Wogan. The guests *are* Christopher Cazenove, and other surprise soap stars, and Chris Bonnington. Plus, a song from Tammy Wynette.
7.35 Every Second Counts. Comedy quiz show presented by Paul Daniels.
8.10 Dynasty. Alexis relinquishes her claims on Denver-Carrington, but is inwardly plotting revenge for her humiliating defeat. (Ceefax)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis and Andrew Harvey. Regional news and weather.
9.30 Whicker's World: Living With Uncle Sam. The seventh of ten films in which Alan Whicker meets Britons who have made their home in the United States. (r) (Ceefax)
10.25 Omnibus: Real Dreams. Gavin Millar talks to Federico Fellini at the *Cinecitta* Studios in Rome. (see Choice)
11.40 The Power (1967) starring George Hamilton, Suzanne *Pleshette, and Michael* Rennie. Science fiction thriller about a group of scientists, testing human endurance for space flight who are told that one of their number has a mental force capable of murderous destruction. Directed by *Bryon Haskin*.
1.25 Weather.

Two-headed Zaphod Beeblebrox: Mark Wing-Davey in The Hitch-Hiker's Guide to the Galaxy (BBC2, 9.00pm)

BBC2

6.55 Open University: Science - The Periodic Table. Ends at **7.20**. **9.00** Ceefax.
10.04 Daytime on Two: *Mindstretchers - problems* **10.15** *Eskimos go seal* hunting. For the hearing impaired **10.38** The River *Tees from source to mouth* **11.00** A French apprentice cook at work and at play **11.17** Information technology in everyday life.
11.40 How the contents of old churches can tell much about early communities **12.00** How a news story hits the headlines **12.20** Ceefax **12.32** A drama about a young girl who leaves home **1.00** Ceefax **1.38** How a TV producer can utilise a computer **2.00** News and weather **2.02** For four- and five-year-olds.
2.15 Racing from Newbury. The 2.30, 3.00, 3.30 *and* 4.00 *races* introduced by Julian Wilson. Includes news and weather at 3.10
4.10 News, regional news, and weather.
4.20 Bonanza. Western adventures. (r)
5.10 Horizon: Making Sex Pay. *The mating habits of members* of the animal kingdom. (r) (Ceefax)
6.00 Film: Turned Out Nice Again* (1941) starring George Formby. After gaining promotion and a rise George Pearson sets his heart on marrying the lovely Lydia. *Directed by Marcel Varnel*.
7.20 Cartoon Two. Scarecrow.
7.30 The Education Programme presented by Sarah Kennedy. *Should children with* special needs be educated in 'ordinary' schools?
8.00 Face the Music. An edition of the music quiz first shown at Easter 1972. The panellists are Joyce Grenfell, Richard Baker, and Robin Ray. Joseph Cooper's guest *is Sir William Walton*.
8.30 Gardeners' World from the Bridgend, Mid Glamorgan, garden of Derek Fraser Jenkins which contains a large range of rare and unusual trees and plants.
9.00 The Hitch-Hiker's Guide to the Galaxy. Episode one of the six part adaptation of Douglas Adams' radio series. (r)
9.35 The Ritz. Part four of the *six-episode comedy drama* about the faltering fortunes of a disco club owner. (Ceefax)
10.25 Newsnight **11.10** Weather.
11.15 Film: Sudden Fear* (1952) starring Joan Crawford, Jack Palance and Gloria Grahame. *A young actor*, turned down for a part by a successful playwright, woos the woman instead and they marry. But the devious thespian is really trying to steal his new wife's money. Directed by David Miller. Ends at **1.10**.

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6.15 TV-am presented by Caroline Righton and Mike Morris. Weather at **6.28** and **6.58**; news at **6.30**; financial news at **6.35**; sport at **6.40**; and exercises at **6.55**.
7.00 Good Morning Britain *presented by Anne Diamond* and Richard Keys. News at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** and **9.00**; cartoon at **7.25**; sport at **7.40**; pop music at **7.55**; and Jimmy Greaves's television highlights at **8.35**. After Nine includes Russell Grant's *astrology slot, and* exercises with Lizzie Webb.
9.25 Thames news headlines.
9.30 Schools: living in a valley **9.50** A history lesson in an English country house **10.09** Junior maths: large numbers **10.26** Problems associated with leisure **10.50** *What life is like for workers* living in a Chinese town on the Mongolian border **11.15** Making a journey by train **11.27** A day in the life of a vet **11.44** The choristers of Gloucester Cathedral and the music they sing.
12.00 Orm and Cheep. (r) **12.10** Rainbow. *Learning with* puppets.
12.30 From Stone to Stone. Archaeologists investigate evidence of the early Irish.
1.00 News at One includes an interview with Neil Kinnock at his constituency home in Islwyn **1.20** Thames news.
1.30 Film: Port of Escape* (1955) starring Googie Withers and Donald McCallum. Drama about two former *comrades in arms who run* into trouble as they prepare to make their way to the United States from England. Directed by Tony Young.
3.00 Take the High Road. Willie proves he is not a good liar **3.25** Thames news headlines **3.30** Sons and *Daughters. Australian* family drama serial.
4.00 Rainbow. A repeat of the programme shown at 12.10 **4.15** Dennis. Cartoon series **4.25** Emu's Wide World introduced by Rod Hull, with guests, Henry McGee and Stanley Unwin.
5.15 Ask No Questions. Quiz *game with no questions*, presented by John-Junkin and Carol Mather.
5.45 News.
6.00 The 6 O'Clock Show presented by Michael Aspel.
7.00 Through the Keyhole. Who are the proud owners of this week's two houses? *Trying to discover the* answers from clues provided by Loyd Grossman are Alan Coren, Moira Stuart, and Willie Rushton. David Frost is in the chair. (Oracle)
7.30 Me & My Girl. Comedy series starring Richard *O'Sullivan, Tim Brooke-*Taylor, and Joan Sanderson. (Oracle) (r)
8.00 FA Cup Final Preview.
8.05 Matlock. The lawyer is hired by the wife of a murdered man to defend her maid who was also her husband's mistress, and *who has confessed to the* murder. (Oracle)
9.00 Drummonds. Drama series set in a Home Counties preparatory school. Starring Richard Pasco, Ciaran Madden, and, in this episode, John Grillo.
10.00 News at Ten.
10.30 The London Programme. John Taylor investigates the problem of battered social workers and begins by *recounting the stories of* three of them brutally killed by clients. Followed by LWT News.
11.00 Film: Battleflag (1977) starring Simon Ward. Drama about an aristocratic Austrian cadet officer, set against the background of *the disintegrating* Hapsburg Empire. Ends at **1.15**.

Stacy Gregg (left) and Chantal Nobel in the English language version of Chateauvallon (Channel 4, 10.30pm)

CHANNEL 4

2.15 The Irangate Hearings. A repeat of last night's programme of highlights of the day's hearings in Washington.
2.30 Passage to Britain. Programme ten of the 12-part series tracing the history of immigration to Britain focuses on the Bangladeshis. *(r)*
3.00 Time to Remember* Part nine of the series about British *social and political history* between 1900 and 1945. The series reaches 1919 when, after the signing of the Treaty of Versailles, the generals of the victorious countries take part in a Grand Victory Parade in London. The narrator is Sir Ralph Richardson. (r)
3.30 Sea Symphony. An award-winning documentary, written by James Archibald, *depicting man's relationship* with the sea. (r)
4.30 Countdown. Yesterday's winner is challenged by Dave Boyes from Dunnington.
5.00 Mister Ed* Vintage American comedy series starring Alan Young as a man with a talking horse.
5.30 Solid Soul. The studio guests are Vesta Williams, Club Nouveau, and Gregory Abbott; on video are Atlantic Starr, Sergion and Herb Tree, and The Supremes.
6.00 Revid. Reviews of the latest films available on video.
6.15 *The Chart Show. The most* popular records in this country and abroad.
7.00 Channel 4 News includes coverage of Mrs Thatcher's campaigning launching speech at the Scottish Conservative Party Conference in Perth. Followed by Weather.
7.50 Book Choice. Crime fiction writer, Ruth Dudley Edwards, reviews Ruth Rendell's *Talking to Strange Man*.
8.00 What the Papers Say. Withfreelance journalist, Peter McKay.
8.15 A Week in Politics. In the first of a series of election specials, a studio of 'don't knows' question Denis Healey, Shirley Williams, *and a Tory politician*.
9.00 E.R. Dr Sheinfield is besieged by his two ex-wives. Starring Elliott Gould.
9.30 Plants for Free. Part seven of the series on plant propagation daels with layering. (Oracle)
10.00 Cheers. Carla is swept off her feet by an ice-hockey player. (Oracle)
10.30 Chateauvallon - Fortune and Power. The English-language version of episode 15 of the drama series shown in French on Monday evenings.
11.30 The Best of the Paul Hogan Show. Comedy from the Australian funny man.
12.00 After Dark. Open-ended chat show.

VARIATIONS

BBC1 *WALES*: **5.35pm-6.00** Wales Today **6.35-7.00** Sportfolio **1.25am-1.30** News and weather. **SCOTLAND: 10.50-11.00** Dotaman **6.35-7.00** Reporting Scotland **10.25-10.55** The Beechgrove Garden **10.55-11.25** Left, Right and Centre **11.25-12.40am** Omnibus **12.40-12.45** Weather. **NORTHERN IRELAND: 5.35pm-5.40** Today's Sport **5.40-6.00** Inside Ulster **6.35-7.00** The 41st All Ireland Pipe Band Championships **1.25am-1.30** News and weather. **ENGLAND: 6.35pm-7.00** Regional news magazine.

BBC2 **WALES: 8.00pm-8.30** Public Account. **SCOTLAND: 8.00pm-8.30** Natural Selection. **NORTHERN IRELAND: 10.15am-10.38** Ceefax **8.00pm-8.30** A Question of Sport. **ENGLAND: 8.00pm-8.30 East:** East on Two. **Midlands:** Frontline. **North:** Gardeners' Direct Line. **North-east:** Three Town Portraits. **North-west:** Gosling's Ganders. **South:** Painters. **South-west:** Nuclear Neighbours. **West:** Nuclear Neighbours.

ANGLIA As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30** Film: Dateline Diamonds* **2.55-3.00** Cartoon **5.15-5.45** Connections **6.00-7.00** About Anglia **10.30** Cross Question **11.10** Film: Friends **1.05am** Late Night Final, Closedown.

BORDER As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30** Paul Cola Show **2.00** Film: Lady in the Fog* **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **5.15-5.45** Ask No Questions **6.00** Lookaround **6.30-7.00** Take the High Road **10.30** Border Lie **11.30** Hammer House of Horror **12.30am** Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30-3.00** Film: Swiss Conspiracy **5.15-5.45** Punky Brewster **6.00** News **6.45-7.00** Central Post **10.35** Central Weekend **12.00** Film: Empire of the Ants **1.40am** Special Squad **2.40** The Party **3.40** Closedown, Jobfinder.

CHANNEL As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30** *Falcon Crest* **2.30-3.00** Mary **3.30-4.00** Country GP **5.15-5.45** Connections **6.00** Channel Report **6.25** Weekend Diary **6.30-7.00** That's Gardening **10.30** Little Gloria **12.20am** Heavenly Bodies **1.20** Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30** Love Boat **2.25** Take the High Road **2.55** Sons and Daughters **3.30** The Smurfs **3.45-4.00** Trang Trang **5.15-5.45** Connections **6.00-7.00** North Tonight **8.00-8.05** Scottish Cup Final Preview **10.30** Crossfire **11.10** Meltdown **12.10am** News, Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: **1.20pm** Granada Reports **1.30** Week in View **2.00-3.00** Jessie **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **5.15-5.45** Please, Sir! **6.00** Granada Reports **6.30-7.00** Flying Start **10.30** Celebration **11.15** *What the European Papers Say* **11.30** Film: Modesty Blaise **1.40am** Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30-3.00** Film: Eye Witness* **5.15-5.45** Who's The Boss? **6.00-7.00** News **10.30** Good Neighbour Show **11.00** Your Say **11.15** Kit Curran **11.45** Meltdown **12.45am** Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: **6.00pm-7.00** Wales at Six **10.30-11.15** 1927, When Cardiff won the Cup.

SCOTTISH As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30** Live at One-Thirty **2.00** Film: Blondie Plays Cupid* **3.15** Sons and Daughters **3.45-4.00** Trang Trang **5.15-5.45** Connections **6.00** Scotland Today **6.25** Guide to Mayfest **6.00-7.00** Who's The Boss? **8.00-8.05** Scottish Cup Final Preview **10.30** Scottish Questions **11.30** Randall & Hopkirk **12.25am** Late Call, Closedown.

TSW As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30-3.00** Film: Smokescreen* **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **5.15-5.45** Blockbusters **6.00-7.00** Friday Show **10.32** Film: Oblong Box **12.10am** Postscript **12.15** Film: Dracula* **1.45** Closedown.

TVS *As London except:* **1.20pm** News **1.30** Falcon Crest **2.30-3.00** Mary1 3.30-4.00 **Country GP** 5.15-5.45 **Connections** 6.00 **Coast to Coast** 6.30-7.00 **That's Gardening** 10.30 **Little Gloria** 12.15am **Heavenly Bodies** 1.20 **Company, Closedown.**

TYNE TEES As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30-3.00** Film: Big Job* **5.15-5.45** Ask *No Questions* **6.00** *Northern Life* **6.30-7.00** Diff'rent Strokes **10.30** Nightline **12.00** Three's Company, Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: **1.20pm** Lunchtime **1.30-3.00** Film: Burning Rubber **5.15-5.45** Ask No Questions **6.00** Good Evening Ulster **6.30-7.00** Spellbound **10.30** Witness **10.35** Sportscast **11.05** Scarecrow and Mrs King **12.00** Rock of the Seventies **12.25am** *News, Closedown.*

YORKSHIRE As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.25** Help Yourself **1.30-3.00** Film: Foreign Exchange **5.15-5.45** Ask No Questions **6.00** Calendar **6.30-7.00** Knight Rider **10.30** Film: Hanover Street **12.30am** Film: Moment by Moment **2.25** Jobfinder **3.25** Closedown.

S4C Starts: **11.10am** Schools **11.45** Interval **12.15pm** Gods of War **12.45** Glacier Express **1.45** Their Lordships' House **2.00** Countdown **2.30** Film: Spawn of the North* **4.30** Amgiberfa **4.45** Smyrffs **5.15** World of Animation **5.30** Solid Soul **6.00** *Revid* **6.15** *Chart Show* **7.00** *Newyddion* Saith **7.30** Traed Yn Rhydd **8.05** Rhew Poeth **8.35** Y Byd Ar Bedwar **9.35** Cymru'r Cwpan **10.05** Film: Caravaggio **11.50** Closedown.

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Radio 1

MF (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see below)
News on the half-hour from **6.30am** until **8.30pm** then at **10.00** and **12.00** midnight
5.30am Adrian John **7.00** Mike Smith's Breakfast Show **9.30** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Gary Davies **3.00** Steve Wright **5.30** Newsbeat **5.45** *Singled Out (Janice Long)* **7.00** Andy Peebles **10.00-12.00** The Friday Rock Show.
VHF Stereo Radios 1 and 2:- **4.00am** As Radio 2 **10.00pm** As *Radio 1* **12.00** As *Radio 2*

Radio 2

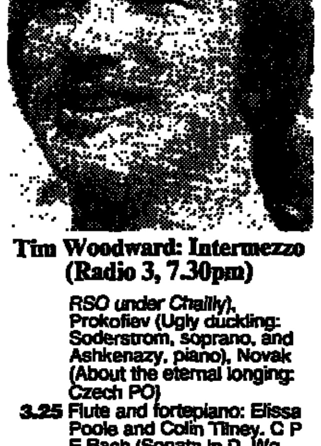
MF (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see Radio 1)
News on the hour (except 8.00pm). Cricket Scoreboard **7.30pm**
4.00am Colin Berry **5.30** Ray Moore **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Jimmy Young **1.05pm** David Jacobs **2.05** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Adrian Love **5.05** Chris Serle **7.00** Hubert Gregg says Thanks for the Memory **7.30** Friday Night is Music Night **8.45** Robert Walton at the Piano **9.00** The Organist Entertains (Nigel Ogden) **10.00** Gillian Humphreys Sings **10.30** Press Gang **11.00** Angela Rippon **1.00am** Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Meridian 7.00 News 7.09 Twenty-four Hours 7.30 Write On... 7.45 Merchant Navy Programme 8.00 News 8.09 Reflections 8.15 Loved by the Gods 8.30 Music Now 9.00 News 9.09 *Review of the British Press* 9.15 World Today 9.30 Financial News followed by: Look Ahead 9.45 Hotel du Lac 10.00 News 10.01 Soundtracking 10.15 Merchant Navy Programme (until 10.30) 11.00 News 11.09 News About Britain 11.15 In the Meantime 11.25 A Letter From Northern Ireland 11.30 Meridian 12.00 Radio Newsreel 12.15 Jazz For The Asking 12.45 Sport 1.00 News 1.09 Twenty-four Hours 1.30 John Peel 2.00 Outlook, opening with News 2.45 Nature Notebook 3.00 Radio Newsreel 3.15 Man Who Wrote a Library Alone 4.00 News 4.09 Commentary (until 4.15) 7.00 Outlook, opening with News 7.39 Stock Market Report 7.45 Society Today 8.00 News 8.09 Twenty-Four Hours 8.30 Science in Action 9.00 News 9.01 Network UK 9.15 Music Now 9.45 A Night to Remember 10.00 News 10.09 World Today 10.25 A Letter from Northern Ireland 10.30 Financial News 10.40 Reflections 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 News 11.09 Commentary 11.15 From The Weeklies 11.30 Multitrack 3 12.00 News 12.09 News About Britain 12.15 Radio Newsreel 12.30 Society Today 12.45 Recording of Week 1.00 Outlook 1.30 Soundtracking 1.45 *Nature Notebook* 2.00 News 2.09 Review of British Press 2.15 Network UK 2.30 People and Politics 3.00 News 3.09 News about Britain 3.15 World Today (until 3.30) 4.45 Reflections 4.50 Financial News 5.00 News 5.09 Twenty-Four Hours (until 5.30)
All times in GMT

Radio 3

6.35 Open University. Education *bulletin*
6.55 Weather **7.00** News
7.05 Morning Concert: Pierre van Maldere (Symphony in G minor, Op 4 No 1: European Community SO under Faerber), Schumann (Sonata No 1: Graubin, violin, and Paraskivesco, piano), Brahms (Variations on St Anthony Chorale: Columbia SO) **8.00** News
8.05 Concert (continued): Liszt (Mephisto Waltz No 1: Pletnev, piano), Frank Bridge (Summer: Bournemouth Sinfonietta under del Mar), Enesco (Suite No 2, Op 20: Monte *Carlo PO under Foster*). **9.00** World Service News
9.10 This Week's Composers: Soler and Arriaga. Soler (Sonatas in D minor, R 117 and F sharp major, R 90: Puyana, harpsichord), Arriaga (O salutaris: Bilbao Choir and SO under Lopez-Cobos. And Symphony in D major: New Philharmonia under Bauer)
10.00 Schumann and Bartok: Caroline Palmer (piano) plays Schumann's Papillons, and Bartok's Dance Suite
10.35 Langham Chamber Orchestra, under Braithwaite. With Judith Malafronte (soprano). Stamitz (Symphony in D major, Op 9 No 1), Haydn (cantata Mesere noi), Vaughan Williams (Concerto Grosso)
11.20 Czech Flute Music: James Dower (flute), John Lenehan (piano). Martinu (Scherzo), Benda (Sonata No 1), Feld (Sonata)
11.55 Royal Liverpool PO, under Atherton. With Christian Blackshaw (piano), and *Christopher Swann (sax)*. Part one. Haydn (Symphony No 86), Mozart (Piano Concerto No 19). **1.00** News
1.05 *Concert (part two)*. Debussy (Rhapsody in E flat for sax and orchestra), Ravel (Daphnis et Chloe Suite No 2)
1.35 Viola and piano. Nobuko Imai and Roger Vignoles. Hindemith (Sonata in F, Op 11 No 4), Britten (Elegy for viola), Vieuxtemps (Capriccio), Brahms (Sonata in F minor, Op 120 No 1)
2.25 From Hans Christian Andersen: Stravinsky (Le chant du rossignol: Berlin *RSO under Chailly*), Prokofiev (Ugly duckling: Soderstrom, soprano, and Ashkenazy, piano), Novak (About the eternal longing: Czech PO)
3.25 Flute and fortepiano: Elissa Poole and Colin Tilney. C P E Bach (Sonata in D, Wq 83), Benda (Sonata in G)
4.00 Choral Evensong: from Winchester Cathedral
5.00 World Service News
5.10 Mainly for Pleasure: with Jeremy Siepmann. **6.55** News
7.00 Guitar music by Bach, played by Goran Sollscher
7.30 Intermezzo: Robert David MacDonald's English version of the Schnitzler play. With James Aubrey, Mel Martin and Tim Woodward. The setting: Vienna, 1905.
9.00 Orpheus Chamber Orchestra. Haydn (Symphony No 77)
9.25 The Man who Mistook his *Wife for a Hat: Michael* Nyman's one-act opera, with Frederick Westcott in the title role, Patricia Hooper as his wife and *Emile Belcourt*.
10.30 Nielsen and Granados: Yitkin Seow (piano) plays Nielsen's Humoreske-Bagatelles Op 11 and Three *pieces, Op 59; and* Granados's Los requiebros, and El pelele (Goyescas)
11.00 Franz Schubert Quartet: performances of Schubert's String Quartet in G minor, D 173; and Mozart's String Quartet in C, K 465 (Dissonance)
11.57 News **12.00** Closedown



Tim Woodward: Intermezzo (Radio 3, 7.30pm)

Radio 4

LF (long wave). (s) Stereo on VHF
5.55 Shipping **6.00** News **6.10** Farming **6.25** Prayer (s)
6.30 Today, incl **6.30, 7.30, 7.30** News **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather; Travel **7.00, 8.00** News **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.35** Yesterday in Parliament **8.50** Letters **8.57** Weather: *Travel*
9.00 News
9.05 With Great Pleasure. John Timpson presents a selection of his favourite poetry and prose. His choice (Dickens, Shakespeare, Richmal Compton etc) is read by *Carol Drinkwater and* Anthony Hyde
9.45 Tidy Answers. Bill Tidy searches for answers to some of life's most *profound questions*.
10.00 News; International Assignment. BBC correspondents report from their bases overseas
10.30 Morning Story. *A Quiet Gift* by Bernard Wilson. The reader is Marjorie Westbury
10.45 Daily Service. New Every Morning, page 42 (s)
11.00 News; Travel; 20th Century Sex (new series) Helen Boaden investigates the changes in private and public attitudes to sex in this montage documentary. Today:The Facts of Life: Sex Education (r)
11.48 One Man and His Log. Hazards and power struggles on a barge trip through Burgundy. The writer: Barry Pilton. The reader: David Roper
12.00 News; The Food Programme with Derek Cooper.
12.27 Nineteen Ninety Eight. Futuristic comedy drama *starring David Threlfall* and Pam Ferris(s) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One. News
1.40 The Archers **1.55** Shipping
2.00 *News; Woman's Hour from* Bristol with Jenni Murray. Today's items include a special feature about Wimborne Market, and the *seventh reading by Joseph* O'Conor from With O'Leary in the Grave
3.00 News; The Robe. By Lloyd C Douglas (5). With Anton Lesser as Marcellus Gallio, Edward de Souza as Tiberius and Annette Crosbie as the Empress Julia (r)
4.00 News
4.05 *Inheritance. Father and* Daughter. June Knox-Mawer talks to Livia Gollancz, publisher daughter of Victor, founder of the famous publishing firm (r)
4.30 Kaleidoscope. A second chance to hear last night's edition which included items on the Cannes Film Festival, the play 11 Josephine House at the Riverside Studios, The Celts, the new series on BBC2, and an interview with Christopher Wood about the National Army Museum
5.00 PM. News magazine **5.50** *Shipping* **5.55** Weather; Travel
6.00 News. Financial report
6.30 Going Places. Clive Jacobs and his team survey the *world of travel and transport*
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week. Douglas Adams selects some radio *and TV highlights*
8.20 Any Questions? Joining John Timpson in Douglas, Isle of Man, are Magnus Magnusson, Austin Mitchell *MP, Norman St John Stevas* MP and Baroness Seear
9.05 Stop Press! (new series) Glyn Worsnip casts a critical eye over this week's newspapers
9.30 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke
9.45 Kaleidoscope. In Response to This Place. David Roper on the work of nine artists in creating three-dimensional works.
10.15 A Book at Bedtime. A Cure for Serpents by the Duke of Pirajno (5). The reader is Julian Glover **10.29** Weather
10.30 The World Tonight
11.15 The Financial World Tonight
11.30 Week Ending. Satirical review, with Bill Wallis heading the cast of fun-pokers.
12.00 *News; Weather*
VHF (available in England and S Wales only) as above except: **5.55-6.00**am Weather; Travel **11.00-12.00** For Schools: **11.00** *Explorers* **11.20** *Playtime* **11.35** Music Workshop **1.55-3.00**pm For Schools: **1.55** Listening Corner **2.05** Let's Join In **2.25** Popalong **2.40** In The Picture **12.30-1.10**am Schools Night Time Broadcasting. Deutsches magazin **12.30** 9: Sport **12.45** 10: Ferien **1.00** Authentic German for GCSE.

FREQUENCIES: **Radio 1**:1053kHz/285m:1089kHz/275m; **Radio 2**: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m; **Radio 3**: 1215kHz/247m:VHF-90-92.5: **Radio 4**: 200kHz/1500m: VHF-92-95; **LBC**:1152kHz/261m: VHF 97.3; **Capital**: 1548kHz/194m: VHF95.8; BBC **Radio London**: *1458kHz/206m: VHF 94.9*; **World Service**: *MF 648kHz/463m*.

Fijians expected in spite of coup

From Chris Thau
Auckland

Rugby Union officials have expressed the hope that the military coup in Fiji will not prevent the Fijian team from taking part in the World Cup, due to start in New Zealand and Australia next Friday.

The World Cup executive director, Mr Jim Campbell, said he hoped the Fijians would arrive in Auckland tomorrow as expected.

The more cautious New Zealand Rugby Union chairman, Mr Russ Thomas, said he believed the Fijians would turn up, though probably later than planned.

Late last night, Mr Thomas was still trying to contact Fijian rugby officials in Suva. He said no attempt had been made to approach Western Samoa – reported to be a possible replacement team – but if Fiji did not turn up, the Samoans would be told to stand by.

Fiji are due to play their first game on Sunday, May 24 against Argentina. It has been suggested that if they do turn up, they might come without their captain, Koli Rakoroi, a navy officer.

One Fijian source said the threat to replace Fiji with Western Samoa would be enough to ensure the team do compete. Besides, according to the Fijian consul in Auckland, the leader of the coup, Colonel Rambuka, is a former Fijian Rugby Union representative, who apparently toured New Zealand several years ago.

● BRISBANE: England's World Cup players looked slightly the worse for wear when the squad arrived in Brisbane, exhausted after a 24-hour flight from Heathrow (AP reports). The coach, Martin Green, predicted a good showing from his team, even though they finished equal last in the Five Nations Championship.

The team manager, Mike Weston, gave the 26-man squad a light training run at the GPS club ground. "I want to try and keep them awake so they get a regular sleep pattern again."

Ban of four months for Fowke

The Gloucester RFC wing forward Bobby Fowke has been banned for four months by the county disciplinary committee after being sent off for head-butting against Lydney last month.

The suspension is believed to be the longest imposed on a first class player by the Gloucestershire committee.

Fowke was dismissed by Manchester referee David Leslie for the offence against New Zealand forward Andy Kay, who needed 17 stitches in a head wound.

Ferguson tempts McClair with a £600,000 offer

By Hugh Taylor

Manchester United last night made an offer of £600,000 for Brian McClair, Scotland's most prolific scorer, who has refused to re-sign the terms offered by Celtic and is ready to seek a future away from Parkhead.

The forward, aged 23, who is in line for the prestigious European Golden Boot award, has been leading scorer for his club in each of his four seasons since joining Celtic from Motherwell at a bargain price of £75,000.

Alex Ferguson, the United manager, has agreed not to open talks with McClair until after Scotland's international against Brazil on May 26. Yet McClair's decision opens the door to Ferguson as United desperately seek success again in the English first division. Also in the race to lure McClair will be several European clubs, including Paris St Germain, Monaco and Inter Milan.

Celtic will demand £1 million for McClair, but may be forced to settle for less from United for fear of losing him at a cut price rate to Europe. Common Market agreements would limit the fee to £350,000.

The refusal of McClair to sign again is a massive blow to Celtic, who lost the Scottish league championship to their Rangers this season. David Hay, the manager, could not disguise his disappointment

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following McClair's decision to reject what he described as: "A contract that seemed to suit the player ideally."

But apparently the agreement fell short of the terms offered recently to the hedonistic Maurice Johnston, who is also certain to leave Celtic, go abroad and break up one of the most potent partnerships Scotland has known. Johnston was said to have refused to sign a contract of £2,000 a week and perhaps Celtic were too late in offering that sum to McClair.

"Not so long ago, Brian said he would be happy to stay at Parkhead if we met his requirements," Hay said. "We have done so, yet he still does not want to re-sign."

And that, although McClair refused to comment yesterday, indicates that the graduate of Glasgow University will end his distinguished career at Parkhead, where he perhaps became disillusioned when his 25 league goals this season still did not lift the shadow of Johnston

McClair, a down-to-earth exponent of the attacker's craft and a believer in scoring goals from the depth of the midfield, has long been admired by Ferguson, who said that his urgent priority is a striker capable of scoring at least 20 goals a season – a player United have failed to acquire since the halcyon days of George Best.

Paris puts feeler out for Hoddle

By John Goodbody

Glenn Hoddle, the England midfield player who will make his farewell appearance for Tottenham Hotspur in tomorrow's FA Cup Final, is wanted by Paris St Germain, the 1985-86 French League champions.

Gerard Houiller, the St Germain manager, said yesterday: "We have already met Hoddle and Irving Scholar, the Tottenham chairman, on two occasions. I am a long-time admirer of the Englishman."

Francis Borelli, a flamboyant president of the club which has also won the French Cup twice in the 1980s, added: "We have looked at several players: Hoddle appears the ideal solution. He fits in with the sort of player we want."

Paris St Germain, who play at the National Stadium, the Parc des Princes, hope to link Hoddle with Paolo Futre, the FC Porto forward, in a deal to offset the loss of Dominique Rocheteau, the French World Cup player, who is being released in the twilight of his glorious career.

Hoddle would follow in the footsteps of his Tottenham colleague, Ossie Ardiles, the Argentinian international who had a brief spell with the French clubin 1982-83 in the aftermath of the Falklands War.

Hoddle, aged 29, has a year left of his contract with Tottenham, but will be released if the FA Cup finalists can agree on a transfer fee.

PSV Eindhoven, the Dutch club, is reputed to have made a bid of £800,000 for Hoddle, but this has been turned down by Tottenham, who may want close to £1 million.

Paris St Germain, however, even though supported by the city's municipal authority, may have trouble raising this money.

Lincoln players' deal

The Football League yesterday sanctioned a compromise deal between Lincoln City and the Professional Footballers' Association (PFA) designed to prevent a mass exodus of players.

Under existing regulations, Lincoln stood to have all their players' registrations revert to the League following their relegation to the GM Vauxhall Conference. That would have left Lincoln with no control over the nine professionals on their staff whose contracts extend beyond this summer.

But club officials, Gordon Taylor, the PFA secretary, and Mike Foster, the League registrations officer, have hammered out a solution.

The nine players involved will be given until July 15 to find another club. If they are successful the new club will have to pay Lincoln a realistic transfer fee or have it decided by an independent tribunal.

Borrows decision delayed

Coventry City have postponed a decision about the fitness of full back Brian Burrows, who is still hopeful of playing at Wembley tomorrow. Borrows, who twisted his right knee against Southampton last Saturday, saw a specialist yesterday.

George Dalton, the physiotherapist, said: "He has made good progress throughout the week and it's now a question of seeing what he can do in a fitness test on Friday. But obviously we cannot leave it any later."

John Sillett, coach, said he was happy to give Borrows more time after talking with the specialist, John Aldridge. "It's out of my hands now. You could say it's John Aldridge rather than John Sillett who is picking the FA Cup Final side," he said.

Four of Coventry's players – Mickey Gynn, Cyrille Regis, Greg Downs and a reserve forward, Paul Culpin, have agreed to sign new contracts.

Osvaldo Ardiles will be turning out for Tottenham Hotspuragain next season.Ardiles, 34, has been on a weekly contract at White Hart Lane since the start of the season, but said yesterday: "I've been offered a new contract for a year. I want to stay and I'll sign it.

Clive Allen, the Tottenham forward, has been told by the Football Association that he will not be charged with bringing the game into disrepute over an incident in the game against QPR on March 7.

Mark Walters, Aston Villa winger, is being watched by the Italian side Pisa, who are set to move in if they clinch promotion from the second division. Walters, whose contract expires next month, would command a fee of around £500,000.

Smash hit: Steffi Graf, in front of her home crowd, on the way to a 6-0, 6-1 victory over her compatriot, Claudia Porwik, in the third round of the West German Open tennis championships in West Berlin yesterday. Lendl beaten in Italian Open by Nystrom, page 36

Selectors will want to show faith in the winter's heroes

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

The England selectors will sit down this evening and choose their first team of the summer – for the Texaco Trophy one-day internationals, the first of them at the Oval next Thursday. There are various doubts at the moment about fitness, these concerning Small, Broad, Foster and Richards. Gatting has chipped a little finger but will play.

By way of a reminder, the selectors are Peter May (chairman), Philip Sharpe, Mickey Stewart and Fred Titmus, with Gatting co-opted; and the team in possession – the one, that is, which played at Sydney in February, in the last of the one-day games for the World Series Cup – is, in batting order, Broad, Botham, Athey, Gower, Gatting, Lamb, Emburey, DeFreitas, Foster, French and Dilley.

England's one-day record in Australia was 11 wins from 14 matches, and the selectors will want, if they can, to show their confidence in those who achieved it. At the same time the side that played in Sydney does have rather an unusual look to it, with Botham going in first, French behind the stumps and Foster in the attack. I say that about Foster simply because he is not normally at his best in limited-overs cricket.

The restriction on field placing which was behind Botham going first in Sydney does not apply in these Texaco games. In the World Series Cup there had to be seven fielders inside the circle for the first 15 overs of an innings. Taking the bowler and wicket-keeper into account, this left Botham with most of the deep into which to loft his strokes. In the Texaco Trophy only four fielders need to be inside the circle, which reduces the scope for Botham's aerial bombardment.

It would seem logical now to drop Botham back down the order and either send Athey in with Broad, as

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happened more often than not in the one-day games in Australia, or to recall Gooch to go in first. Having gone to Sharjah last month and played for England there, there is no question of Gooch being put to one side for having declined to tour Australia. On the other hand he has had nearly three runless weeks and he has no divine right to a place.

I imagine Richards will be preferred to French, but that, with Small having had very little bowling this season, Foster will hold his place. Even off a short run Foster has been taking plenty of wickets – or perhaps it is because of the short run. Small, remember, puts his selection for England last summer down to having shortened his run.

The others who went to Sharjah but not to Australia were Bailey, Capel, Fairbrother and Robinson, all in with a chance of being wanted again now. Whitaker has been doing well enough to have stayed in contention. Thomas, too, has to be considered, and also Ontong. I suppose they could spring a surprise with Larkins again, except that he is in good form whereas when he was plucked from out of the blue last year he had hardly made a run for weeks. Christopher Cowdrey could be working his way back, though he probably has some way to go yet.

Because Lamb's recent one-day record is so much better than over the same period in Test cricket, he may be expected to survive, and I doubt whether England will include Edmonds as well as Emburey Assuming only Small is definitely unfit and that 14 are chosen, to cover those with injuries of sorts, the likeliest combination could be: Broad, Gooch, Athey, Gower, Gatting, Lamb, Fairbrother, Botham, Emburey, Richards, Capel, DeFreitas, Foster and Dilley.

END COLUMN

Other half of an odd couple

By Dennis Shaw

The first time George Curtis arrived at Coventry City his journey began at the bottom of a pit shaft in the Kent coalfield.

He was a muscular, lantern jawed youth with a GI crewcut who escaped a future as a miner to lead Jimmy Hill's Sky Blues from the Third Division to the First Division Later, after a spell with Aston Villa he returned, this time to sell bingo tickets.

Curtis, as the club's managing director is the man at the head of all professional operations. When he was appointed to this role, alongside John Sillett, the coach, last summer, to run team affairs jointly, they became affectionately known locally as "the odd couple".

These two engaging characters don't have a stock of quick, flashy quotes, nor do they dangle gold bracelets from their wrists. Complicated excuses and brash forecasts are not their scene. Their stock in trade is experience. That and a store of good old fashioned common sense and good humour. Curtis, for instance, has willingly done just about every job the game can offer. There is probably no better qualified administrator throughout the game.

As an apprentice pro, he cleaned boots, marked out the pitch, swept the terraces, supplied mugs of tea to the older pros. Later, as captain, he broke his leg in the club's first match in the first division.

At Villa Park, where he was the captain, he helped lift them out of the Third Division by their throats. Once he smashed his nose and played on. Something of a soccer Samson was George but not, it seemed, the ideal choice to become the club's commercial manager. Yet when Hill returned as supremo, that was his surprising course of action.

Curtis's appointment was just a year or two ahead of the change in the lotteries legisla-

Curtis: engaging character

tion in 1976. He had learned the ropes selling those perforated, tear-off tickets. New new fields of income were legally opening up. He went to the United States, learned how they marketed lottery tickets and hurried back to be one of football's pioneers in that particular area.

He presided over a department which injected enormous quantities of cash into the club, remaining in charge of business affairs throughout their struggles to stay in the First Division and the local recession in the motor industry. The schemes he set up grossed millions of pounds.

Add to that the large crowds attracted by the promotion team he skippered, plus the avalanche of support recently, including the FA Cup semi-final and final, and Curtis's contribution can be seen to be unsurpassed.

He would, I am sure, dispute it should anyone describe him as clever or even shrewd. His attitude is simple: if there is a difficulty, remove it. If there is an obstacle, clamber over it. If things go wrong, forget it and start again.

Those who have attempted to squeeze secrets out of him at press conferences are aware that if he does not want to tell you something you might as well pack up and go home. Recent examples: Q. If Houchen is fit, will you have a difficult selection problem? A. I wouldn't know. We have never had a problem here. Q. Will Gynn be in the team after scoring such important goals? A. Depends whether he beats me at golf on Wednesday.

Sillett will chuckle and pass you a glass of wine. They app ely to enjoy being with me players, teasing each other unmercifully, pulling all kinds of gags, and before major games, behaving like a golf society on a weekend jaunt.

It is reported that Sillett recently put on an outrageous beach top, a wig and a funny nose at a private do to win the silly shirt competition. For that, he received the Perrier Water Manager of the Day award from the players.

An odd couple, indeed. They have taken Coventry City to Wembley. In 104 years, nobody has done that before.

Ajax triumph marred by a night of violence

Athens (Reuter) – Twelve policemen were hurt and 10 people arrested as celebrations in Amsterdam turned to violence in the wake of Ajax Amsterdam's 1-0 victory over Lokomotiv Leipzig in the final of the European Cup Winners' Cup in Athens on Wednesday night.

The match itself passed without incident but in Amsterdam police said thousands of pounds worth of damage was caused in the city centre, triggered by youths setting fire to a car.

It took police and riot control units until nearly 5am to restore order.

Although Ajax were unable to recreate fully the "total football" of their all-conquering predecessors of the 1970s, Johan Cruyff's young team did enough to show that they may one day match the teams inspired by their technical director.

As their 8,000-strong army of supporters celebrated Marco Van Basten's 21st-minute goal in the bars and restaurants of Athens, Cruyff was stressing the importance of his team's playing style and their average age.

Cruyff said: "All Holland will be proud of us for winning this cup at last and with a team including so many young players. We won playing good, attractive football – like in the old days – and with no violence.

"I am especially pleased for the youngest players and my defence who contained experienced opponents.

"This is an important victory for Dutch football. We can build on it. Tactically, the game worked out as I expected."

When the marathon seems just a doddle

By Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent

Eleanor Adams and Malcolm Campbell set out on a trek this morning, which makes last Sunday's Mars London Marathon look like a street sprint.

Adams and Campbell, two of the mainstays of British ultra-distance running start the 1,000 miles New Balance Challenge, a little matter of 60 miles a day for 17 days from Nottingham County Hall at 11am today.

Their route takes them to Newcastle, Carlisle, Bristol, Brighton, and a finishing meander up the east side of the country, through London and Peterborough. They are expected back in Nottingham on June 1, when a trophy will be presented to the one with the fastest accumulated time over the 17 days.

Campbell, aged 52, is not necessarily the favourite, although he is world record-holder for 1,000 miles on the track, 15days, 21hr, 5min, 59sec, which he did at Gateshead in 1985.

The longest run Adams, aged 39, has done is the 620 miles between Sydney and Melbourne, which she covered in 7days, 12 hours last year.

At distances like these, men's bodies deplete faster than women's. And Adams is faster at shorter distances, like 50 and 100 miles.

MPs' worry over Big Four

By John Goodbody

A deputation of MPs yesterday expressed their concern to the Office of Fair Trading that the Big Four bookmakers were dominating horse and greyhound racing through their 45 per cent share of Satellite Information Services (SIS), which this month began screening race meetings to Britain's 10,200 betting shops.

The OFT must decide shortly whether to refer the situation to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission after a series of complaints and also debates in both Houses of Parliament.

The deputation told Sir Gordon Borrie, the OFT director-general, of their concern that as the Big Four – Ladbrokes, William Hill, Corals and Mecca – also control 50 per cent of off-course betting and own four of the six greyhound tracks, on which afternoon racing takes place, this was an increasingly anti-competitive environment for the racing and betting public. Accompanying the MPs was Fred Underhill, secretary of the National Greyhound Racing Club.

John Watts, the Conservative MP for Slough, a member of the group, said: "The slightly sinister aspect is that the company is controlled by major bookmakers and will be beaming races from greyhound tracks that are also in their ownership. That will work against the public interest, and particularly, against the punter and has no place in a market economy. It has the smack of monopoly about it.

"This is not in the interests of the small bookmakers, who clearly will have great financial difficulty and there is a danger of some closing. I also believe that if the big bookmakers have a monopoly there will be a decline in the number of other greyhound tracks."

SPORT IN BRIEF

Stenmark hopeful

Stockholm (Reuter) – Ingemar Stenmark, of Sweden, is attempting to regain full amateur status so that he can compete in next year's Winter Olympics in Calgary. Stenmark, who has B licence semi-professional skiing status, has given up his private sponsorship contracts and rewriting them in favour of the Swedish team.

The contracts have been the main obstacle to his eligibility and Johan Sangner, the Swedish Federation general secretary, said he had high hopes Stenmark would be admitted.

First up

Collado Villalba, Spain (Reuter) – Francisco Rodriguez of Colombia, won the 160-km mountain 21st stage of the Tour of Spain cycle race yesterday ahead of Pascal Poisson, of France. His compatriot, Luis Herrera, kept the overall lead

Stenmark: Olympics goal

Building plans

Brands Hatch Racing Circuit yesterday announced the building of a £6.5 million hotel and conference facility due to be completed in June 1988.

Porto blow

Porto Portugal (AFP) – Fernando Gomes, Porto's leading scorer, broke his left leg in training yesterday and will miss the European Cup final against Bayern Munich on May 27.

Prize recruit

Henry Leconte, of France, is the latest world-class recruit for the Bank of Scotland grasscourt tennis championships in Craiglockhart, Edinburgh from June 6 to 14. Ivan Lendl, John McEnroe, Andres Gomez, Gabriela Sabatini and Zina Garrison have also nominated to play.

Helping hand

David Hemery, the former Olympic 400m hurdles champion, is joining the National Coaching Foundation to help develop its courses and raise funds. Sue Campbell, the foundation's director, said: "Our work is continually expanding and David will seek additional resources to underpin developments."

Show stopper

Torrential rain forced the cancellation of the first day of Royal Windsor Horse Show yesterday. The four-day event is scheduled to end on Sunday.

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